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Camp Courageous of Iowa The Second Year of the Pandemic

By Phil Larabee

9EC Iowa Lions Foundation Trustee

Camp Courageous of Iowa is the home of the Iowa Lions Camp for the Blind. While nearly all summer camps in 2020 were canceled because of the pandemic, Camp Courageous did serve 3,264 campers in 2020 over the winter before the pandemic and in many individual or small group situations because of the effects of the Aug. 10, 2020 derecho.

It is amazing how even during the first year of the pandemic, with so many summer camps canceled, Camp Courageous served this many people, some of whom were blind.

Many of the campers in 2020 came from group homes, senior homes and even assisted living centers in the Cedar Rapids/Marion area. Several of these facilities were severely damaged by the derecho. People were transported to Camp Courageous to live while basic repairs were made. These group homes, senior homes and assisted living centers did not have electricity, water or phone services at their facilities.

The 2020 pandemic taught Lions that Camp Courageous was needed for other higher purposes than hosting the Iowa Lions Camp for the Blind. As of today, the Iowa Lions Camp for the Blind is still on but the Board of Directors is waiting for the next CDC guidelines for COVID-19 to determine if the 2021 camps at Camp Courageous of Iowa will occur.

Many of you are anxiously waiting for your COVID-19 vaccine shots. Progress of inoculations may help the camp's board to decide if camp will occur in the summer of 2021.

Camp Courageous of Iowa continues to work hard

making improvements to the camp. During 2020, Lake Todd received many wheelchair accessible docks from which campers can fish.

A multipurpose field is being developed and will be built in the future. The multipurpose field is a completely flat surface to eliminate all barriers for wheelchairs. The field is made of a cushioned, rubberized surface.

An underground tunnel was installed to connect the original camp with the new addition across the road.

Lastly, a new zip line is in the process of being installed. Lions who attend the Iowa Lions State Convention at Camp Courageous May 21-22 will get to see, and if desired, ride the 700-foot zip line, which is approximately 100 feet off the ground.

While you are in attendance at the state convention, I strongly encourage you to stop at the camp office, where you will find many products to purchase. Some of the newest products include ground coffee and cocoa bombs.

Please remember Camp Courageous continues to exist thanks to your generous donations and purchases.



PEACEFUL CAMP. A camper at Camp Courageous enjoys a peaceful float in a canoe.

Vote on Proposed Constitution & By-Laws Changes Set for May State Convention

*By PID Gary Fry
MD9 Constitution & By-Laws Chair*

Our current MD9 Constitution was adopted in 2014 and current By-Laws in 2017. Since that time, a number of changes have taken place in Lionism at all levels. At the direction of the 2018-2019 Council of Governors, the Constitution & By-Laws 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 rename the Midwinter Leadership Conference to allow for moving the event to the fall. A number of names were considered before the 2019-2020 Council of Governors decided on Iowa Lions Learning Conference. Declining attendance and continued concern for the weather in January precipitated the change for the time of 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.

Time considerations of when things need to be done brought on the need for changes. These were necessary to bring our calendar into compliance with LCI's.

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


In bringing our documents into compliance with the model Constitution and By-Laws for multiple districts as drafted by LCI, the name of state administrator/ field representative was changed to the standard multiple district council secretary/treasurer.

These documents will come before the delegates at the state convention on May 22. The constitution requires a 2/3 vote to pass and the by-laws require a simple majority. Both are available for review in the digital section of this issue of The Iowa Lion magazine.

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

March	Eye Donor Awareness Month
Mar. 6	Council of Governors Meeting, virtual
Mar. 13	District 9SW Convention, virtual
Mar. 20	District 9EC Convention, virtual
Mar. 27	District 9NW Convention, virtual
April	Lions Environmental Awareness Month
Apr. 4	Easter
Apr. 9-10	District 9NC Convention
Apr. 11	LCIF Tell-A-Thon
Apr. 17	District 9NE Convention, virtual
Apr. 24-25	District 9MC Convention
May 21-22	MD9 State Convention, Camp Courageous, Monticello

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Exciting News: LCIF's New Lions Legacy Society

LCIF is pleased to announce the Lions Legacy Society, a new way that YOU can help fund LCIF grants and projects for many years to come.

Here are ways you can give: a gift in your will/living trust, create a charitable trust, establish a charitable gift annuity, designate LCIF as a beneficiary of assets, make contributions from your retirement plans or gift an insurance policy.

These gifts do not need to be irrevocable. By simply completing a Planned Giving Declaration Form advising LCIF of a planned or legacy gift, a donor will automatically be included in the Lions Legacy Society. If desired, confidentiality of gift amounts and anonymity will be strictly maintained.

Planned gifts can be made NOW to immediately address the pressing needs facing so many people served by Lions, AND gifts can take effect in the future as a lasting way to leave a legacy. All documented planned gifts count towards Campaign 100 fundraising totals, at the full value listed on the LCIF Legacy Gift Declaration Form.



LCIF understands that estate plans may change and that bequests are revocable. Thus, the Legacy Gift Declaration Form is a non-binding agreement that simply states intent.

LCIF celebrates Lions Legacy Society members through special events and other acts of recognition. Such recognition is perpetual and will not end at the end of Campaign 100. In fact, the first 100 members of the Lions Legacy Society will receive special

recognition from leadership at the next international convention when we can all gather together in person.

For additional information or to chat more about the different options for including LCIF in your will or estate plan, contact Robert Kanonik, J.D., at 630-468-7067 or robert.kanonik@lionsclubs.org or Ellen Winter, Ph.D. at 630-468-7163 or ellen.winter@lionsclubs.org.

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 email address and postal address for every club member is reported by your club secretary, as well. This way all members will receive all issues of the International LION magazine, as well as The Iowa Lion.

If your club hasn't been meeting in person, you could try a Free Conference Call or Zoom meeting for this year's club officer election. Reach out to your district governor or district Global Leadership Coordinator for help arranging a conference call or Zoom meeting.

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 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. Consider visiting the Iowa Lions Eye Bank and Iowa KidSight offices to see your donations in action!

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. Sign up new members in March and induct them in April.

Remember that new FAMILY members pay half-price dues. New member entrance fees and new club charter fees are also waived through June 30, 2021. What an opportunity for all of us!

LCIF: Lifeblood for Lions Major Service Projects

By PDG Ken Klemish

District 9SW LCIF Coordinator

Lions Clubs International Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization, began in 1968 as the charitable arm for Lions clubs around the globe. It helps people in need after major natural catastrophes occur and with major service projects that multiple districts, districts and clubs can't begin to fund on their own.

LCIF partners with other organizations, like the World Health Organization, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Jimmy Carter Foundation, the World Diabetes Foundation and Johnson & Johnson, among others. As partners, we work together to serve millions of people around the world every year.

We help provide clean water, eye exams and surgeries. We help build hospitals and clinics, eye banks, schools for the blind/deaf, Ronald McDonald Houses and Habitat for Humanity homes.

Any time a natural disaster occurs anywhere in the world (tsunami, floods, tornadoes, wildfires, earthquakes), LCIF helps provide food, clothing and temporary shelter, all within 24 hours of when the disaster occurs. Those \$10,000 disaster emergency grants never have to be repaid; they're simply a gift to people in need, distributed by Lions in every part of the world.

LCIF has consistently been one of the highest-rated charitable organizations in the world by Charity Navigator. Many other charities use over 60% of their donated funds for their administrative costs. Our LCIF home location is in the same building with Lions Clubs International home office in Oak Brook, Illinois. LCIF is funded by individual donations from individual Lions around the world, by local clubs, by districts, multiple districts, and private benefactors.

Besides the emergency disaster grants, matching grants are also available from LCIF. Either a district or multiple district can apply for the matching grants. The district or multiple raises funds locally to match the LCIF funds with large projects (like eye



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FOUNDATION**

banks, hospitals, clean water supplies). The district or multiple district grant administrator (usually the district governor) submits the application, completes the documentation paperwork and files the final report to LCIF.

Multiple grants worth over \$5.2 MILLION were awarded globally in only four months in 2020 for COVID-19 relief. Some of that came to Iowa. That's the largest amount ever granted on one project in the 52-year history of LCIF. In a normal year, \$40 million in grants is distributed by LCIF throughout the world.

Just for the 2020 derecho alone, LCIF provided \$51,066 to help people in Iowa.

Amazing Facts About LCIF Grants in Iowa

In the past 39 years, Iowa Lions have received \$659,406 in MAJOR grants from LCIF:

- \$200,000 to establish our Iowa KidSight program in 1999
- \$200,000 for a Low Vision Clinic in 2008
- \$100,000 for 2008 flooding
- \$30,000 for cochlear implant program in 1982
- \$10,000 for a mobile diabetes unit in 1988
- \$8,000 to expand a training center for the blind and visually impaired in 1985
- \$10,500 for receivers for radio service in 1990
- \$533 for Lions Sight/Hearing Foundation in 1985.

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So, what can YOU do as an individual Lion or a Lions club to help LCIF? [MAKE A DONATION!!](#)

Don't think your small donation makes a difference?? As of Dec. 30, 2020, there are 7,441 Lions in Iowa. If every Lion gave only \$2 per week to LCIF for 52 weeks, Iowans would have donated \$773,864.00 to LCIF (almost 3/4 of a million dollars). Just think what a positive impact your simple \$2 per week can make! That's only one cup of coffee or one bottle of pop or tea per week. You can set up an ACH withdrawal for \$8 per month from your checking account. It's easy. We have several Iowans doing just that.

Lions Legacy Society members create a meaningful and lasting legacy by ensuring funding for grants and magnifying the impact of Lions service for generations to come. Simply include one sentence in your will noting a specific dollar amount from your estate to go to LCIF. There is NO minimum gift



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Completion and submission of the LCIF Gift Declaration Form ensures complimentary inclusion in Lions Legacy Society and that your generous planned gift is counted in Campaign 100 fundraising.

You can also privately email LCIF Lions Legacy team leaders robert.kanonik@lionsclubs.org or ellen.winter@lionsclubs.org.

LCIF has been our **LIFEBLOOD** in Iowa for 52 years. It's time for EACH of US to *pay it forward* and *pay it back*.

One thing that we've all learned the past year is that **"KINDNESS MATTERS!"**

Invention of Insulin Extends the Lives of People with Diabetes

By PDG Bill Shuttars

MD9 Diabetes Awareness Chair

In 1921, Dr. Fredrick Grant Banting (Canada, 1891-1941), an orthopedic surgeon from Ontario, was intrigued by an article on diabetes which hypothesized whether insulin could be isolated and extracted to treat diabetes. A lecturer in the Department of Physiology at the University of Toronto, Dr. Banting approached James Richard MacLeod (Scotland, 1876-1935), head of the department, requesting laboratory space. MacLeod provided Banting with 10 dogs, lab space and a student research assistant, Charles Herbert Best (Canada, 1899-1978), along with supervision and guidance.

Banting and Best began work on May 17, 1921 to extend the research of Joseph von Mering (Germany, 1849-1908) and Oskar Minkowski (Germany, 1858-1931). Prior attempts to extract and inject insulin failed because the digestive enzymes secreted by the pancreas destroyed the insulin before it could be injected. Banting used a process developed by the two European scientists who attempted a similar experiment of injecting dogs with their own pancreatic extracts in 1906 and 1916. The previous research had mixed results.

Banting and Best ligated the pancreatic duct but left the Islets of Langerhans. They then placed the pancreas in a blender with saline (salt) ice and made a concoction which appeared as a brown smoothie that Banting and Best called isletin. MacLeod insisted it be called insulin. The insulin was then injected back into the dog, which lived until they ran out of insulin.

In late 1921, James Bertram Collup (Canada, 1892-1965), a biochemist at the University of Toronto on leave from the University of Alberta, joined the team. Collup continually worked on protocols to purify the insulin. Without these purification protocols, the results of these experiments would vary widely.

Collup developed a new extraction and concentration protocol for insulin from the alcoholic acid extract of cattle and hog pancreases. They demonstrated these preparations were more effective than the original. The quartet knew they had achieved a breakthrough and the next step was a human trial.

On Jan. 11, 1922, Leonard Thompson, a 14-year-old

orphan and charity patient weighing only 65 pounds, was admitted to Toronto General Hospital.

Prior to World War II, there were few restrictions on the use of orphans, incarcerated persons, indigenous people or minorities for scientific investigation in United States and Canada. There were even fewer restrictions on the use of animals in research or commerce.

Thompson was suffering from diabetes. He had a pale pallor, distended abdomen, smelled of acetone and was near death. It was later said he looked like he had been liberated from a concentration camp.

MacLeod gave the approval for 15 ml of insulin to be injected. It had no effect on the ketoacidosis, only slightly reduced the glycosuria and glycaemia, resulting in a sterile abscess at the injection site.

Collup purified additional insulin and another series of injections resulted in a normalization of glycaemia, glycosuria and ketonuria. In detail – glycaemia decreased from 520 mg/dl to 210 mg/dl, glycosuria dropped from 71g to 9g, ketonuria disappeared.

Thompson lived another 13 years before succumbing to pneumonia at the age of 27. The team had encouraging results on six more patients that year.

Banting and MacLeod were awarded the Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine in 1923. The prize aroused a lively controversy in the scientific community since some felt there were other researchers who also should have been recognized. The exclusion of Best and Collup did not set well with Banting. Banting shared his prize with Best and MacLeod shared his with Collup.

In 1934, King George knighted Sir Fredrick Grant Banting. To this day, Sir Fredrick Banting remains the youngest person to receive the Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine.

Banting, Best and Collup sold the insulin patent to the University of Toronto for \$1 Canadian. The university made it free to use so millions of persons with diabetes worldwide could have access to insulin.

In 2007, Banting was honored as his birthday, Nov. 14, was made World Diabetes Day. The entire month of November is designated Diabetes Awareness Month.

A View from the Chair

Council Chair Judy Stone

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Multiple District Numbers

District	Added Members	Dropped Members
EC	30	74
MC	22	42
NC	17	50
NE	49	100
NW	23	50
SE	36	81
SW	68	71

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate Council Chair Elect Bryan Bross. Bryan and his wife, Cara, reside in Burlington. Their two children are now off to college and Bryan spends his days playing with rocks! You will have to ask him about that one.

I have had the pleasure of working with Bryan as a district governor and I am looking forward to passing the gavel into his capable hands. I have found Bryan to be a level headed, innovative thinker. I am confident Bryan will have you as his first thought.

Well, its convention time and for the most part our district conventions will be online or virtual. Please make every effort to attend your district convention virtually. Possibly host a viewing party where less than 10 of you get together and watch your virtual convention together. Maybe compete against other host parties to have the best snacks.

Every convention will still have an international director presenting as part of the virtual event. Our international directors serve two years traveling around the country or appearing in a virtual setting. They will share with you the international president's message and share words of wisdom on all things Lions. Make them welcome to your virtual event.

We are making every effort to have your Iowa Lions State Convention an in-person event. I MISS YOU GUYS! We made it through our special fall convention without anyone getting COVID. Now we have the benefit of a vaccine, so let's all count on being at Camp Courageous in Monticello on May 21 and 22.

Friday the 21st will be the Iowa Lions Foundation and Council of Governors meetings, along with district governor-elect training. But you can still join us Friday for a service project around the camp.

The great news, the new ZIP LINE will be operational at camp. I am challenging all the DGs to join me on a run down the ZIP!! We better film that!



ZIP LINE CHALLENGE. The site of the new zip line at Camp Courageous. It will be open and available for rides at the Iowa Lions State Convention in May.

We will be awarding all our state and international awards at lunch on Saturday.

Speaking of awards, the state of Iowa Lions has three awards that are given to Iowa Lions only. The Spark Plug Award goes to an innovator, a go getter. The Bud Klise Award goes to that outstanding leader and the Ralph Whitten Award goes to an outstanding Lion that also helps out in his or her community.

Any one of you can nominate someone for these awards. If you know of someone who deserves to be recognized, go to the [Iowa Lions webpage](#) and you will find the nomination papers under the FORMS heading.

These are given out every year, so if you missed this year's deadline, remember it for next year.

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MEETING OUR PURPOSE!

Last year at this time, I was putting together plans for our district for my term as district governor. Little did we know what challenges we would face, like no other in Lions' 102-year history. My plans were to focus on membership, service, leadership and recognition.

No matter what challenges we face, these goals are still what guide our district this year and every year. I remain sure that these four goals cannot be separated from one another. Through this, leadership brings service, and through service brings membership, and then we can all sit back and celebrate together our achievements.

During this year, many clubs have found unique and inspiring ways to demonstrate leadership, sustain membership and provide service. Service is Lions' purpose for existence.

I have shared some of the many stories during this year about new Leo clubs and how they can energize a parent club. There were stories of coat and blanket drives. There were wonderful stories about helping during the derecho. The Diabetes Learning Garden was a success. Clubs shared with me about their over-the-top can drives and drive-through meals as fundraising events. Lions found many ways to serve our communities.

These acts of service need to be celebrated, and we will as a district on April 17. Through the new age technology, District 9NE will hold our celebration by ZOOM.

To help us celebrate, we will have International Director Bob Block from Indiana, and Ike Boettger, NFL player from the Buffalo Bills. Ike will tell his story of sacrifice, challenges and achievements. Ike and his dad, the Rev. Tim Boettger, will share stories of their service to the communities of Buffalo, New York, and Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Lions Clubs are a vehicle for our purpose: "To Serve, Innovate, and to Communicate with Purpose." This should drive everything Lions do.

A "BLOCK-BUSTER" EVENT

**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE
LIONS OF 9NE FOR A
"CELEBRATION OF
ACHIEVEMENT"**

April 17, 2021, 10:00 a. m.

This will be a ZOOM event, so you will need to notify me if you wish to join and receive a link to our celebration. This event is free to all.

Featured speakers:



Lions Clubs **International Director Bob Block** will be present for our celebration and will give our afternoon keynote remarks.

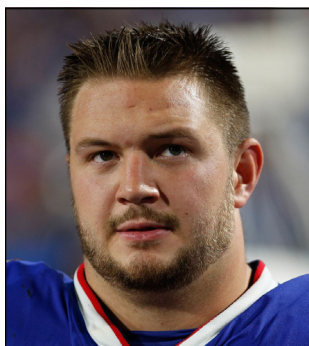
Director Block has more than 48 years of experience as an architectural and design engineer and project manager.

He was encouraged to join by his father and became a Lion in 1974 with the Calumet City Lions Club where he followed in his father's footsteps and became club president in 1980. He has held a number of other offices within the association including multiple district convention chairperson and member of the Centennial Action Committee. He served as Host Committee chairperson for the 2017 Centennial International Convention in Chicago. Director Block also served as volunteer coordinator for the 50th anniversary Special Olympics Unified Cup in 2018 and was a moderator at the 2017 and 2018 USA/Canada Forums.

In recognition of his service, Director Block has

received several International President's Awards. Director Block is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Block has been chairman of the Dyer Summerfest for more than 14 years as well as an active member of the Knights of Columbus. He was elected to the town council twice where he served as council president for two years.



NFL Player Ike Boettger, #65 starting left guard for the Buffalo Bills, will share his story of achievement and his commitment to service. His father, the Rev. Tim Boettger, will also share some stories of service.

Ike began football as a Cedar Falls High School quarterback. He attended the University of Iowa, where he played on the offensive line. Ike has become a local hero in Buffalo, New York, working with some young fans from Niagara Falls, New York.

Ike, along with C.J. Beathard and Rev. Boettger, created the Alice Eisenhower Connection Fund, a project to minister to elderly people.

There will be many recognitions of achievement for Lions in District 9NE. This will include the recognition of the Lamplighters and the Lamplighter Clubs.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

BELLE PLAINE delivered Meals on Wheels.

CEDAR FALLS served in an Honor Guard and built cars for the poor; provided church hospitality and served as members of several community boards.

VAN HORNE collected cans and bottles for a fundraiser.

WATERLOO collected 200 pair of eyeglasses.

Lamplighter Award Recipients

Lions are the light of the world. Our district is recognizing special Lions who are the heart and soul of a club and are representative of lamplighters "Poking Holes in Darkness." New Lamplighters are:

Blairstown: Jim Arndt, Larry Miller

Decorah: Bruce Schuman, Larry Stevenson

Lansing: Mary Schweitzer, Shelia Simmonds

Newhall: Skyler Childers, Nancy Novotny

Ryan: Al Burkle, Jerome Ries

Shellsburg: Judy Shaeffer, Teresa Drtina

Strawberry Point: Everett Blobaum, Alvin Scott

Urbana: Bob Briggs, Delores Michael

Van Horne: Don Logan & Larry Wiebke

West Union: Wayne Bicknese, Norman Jones

In Memoriam

We are sorry for the loss of these dedicated Lions!

CLUB

La Porte City

Vinton

MEMBER

Willard Jesse

Duane G. Kerkoff

Duane Slaikeu

Nathan E. Hesson

Even through the pandemic, we welcome new members

CLUB

Denver

Dubuque Eve

Vinton

West Dubuque

NEW MEMBER

Dealda M. Diemer/Kramer

Jackie Fober

Mark Fober

Mark E. Traetow

Dawn Wiebbecke

Lori K. Graves

Kyle Koeppen

Melissa O'Brien

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I wrote about communication in the November newsletter. I asked that Lions reading these articles respond to me. In fact, the following is a direct quote:

“However, I wonder, with all the communicating being done today, how many people are really listening. If you are reading these articles, will you send me an email at bbross@iowalions.org and tell me what you want to hear about in my next article? Usually the problem with communication is that we do not do enough of it in enough ways that it is effective. I do not believe we can over communicate. Do you agree?”

I also asked for a similar response in other newsletters. However, the only response I received was from a proofreader of The Iowa Lion. My concern is that the “all digital” The Iowa Lion is getting lost in the overwhelmed email in-boxes of Lions across Iowa.

I receive hundreds of emails daily at my job as a professional engineer. I have many clients that prefer to communicate that way. However,

I have had to devise some pretty creative ways to keep the email clutter from accumulating. I even have separate personal and business email accounts, as well as an email account just for Lions. Yet the clutter still accumulates. This is especially true when I’m away from the office for more than a few days.

Periodically my wife asks me to help her with her email. Of course, she gets hundreds of emails, as well. She gets emails from Kohl’s, Fabletics,



Target, Walmart, Old Navy, American Eagle, Amazon, etc., to name just a few. As I write this, she has 681 unread emails in her inbox; 99% of it is junk. It would be worse if I didn’t help her once in a while.

Here are a few tips to tame the email beast:

1. “Opt-Out” of emails when you purchase something online. Usually there is a place to “uncheck” so you don’t get all their sales pitches via email.
2. Most valid emails have an option to “unsubscribe” near the bottom of the email. Do that if you can, and always do it when you are getting too many emails.
3. Learn to identify “spam” and “phishing” emails. They come unexpectedly from companies you’ve never heard of, and they’re usually selling something you don’t need (i.e. male enhancement, something of value for free, feed the children in Siberia, etc.). Don’t be duped; flag them as SPAM or just simply delete them.
4. Use filters and rules in your email client. Outlook and Google Gmail have these options. Yahoo and others probably do as well. Learn to use them. Figure out how to flag the emails automatically that you want to keep, and those that you don’t.
5. Use folders or labels as appropriate to group and file the email you want to keep.
6. Stay on top of your email, but don’t feel like you have to have an empty inbox. I keep up on it daily at work because it has become a primary communication tool unfortunately. At home I can pretty much stay on top of it weekly or bi-weekly. It takes some discipline.
7. As a last resort, you can create a new email account and abandon the old one if absolutely necessary. This shouldn’t be taken lightly, and I probably wouldn’t ordinarily recommend it especially if you are receiving banking, insurance, and loan information via email.

Regarding The Iowa Lion publication, your club secretary receives two printed copies monthly. If

you can't or won't read the online version of the magazine, ask them if you can borrow it to read it. If you don't read The Iowa Lion, then I've just been talking to myself for several months.

We must work to increase our service, but we must also be diligent to report all of it no matter how small or unimportant we think it is. Please report your individual service to your club secretary or club global service chair every month. They will report general club service, but they need each Lion member to provide their service hours monthly. If you are having trouble with MyLCI or MyLion, please let PDG Debbie Doty or DG Bryan Bross know so we can assist you.

We must engage our existing members to be more active and ask family, friends, neighbors, and business contacts to join us in our service. We need "all hands on deck" to do everything you can at the local club level to retain members and increase membership. If you do not know what to do, ask your club officers, your Zone Chair, or any District Cabinet member.

We call on all Lions to support LCIF through a donation of any amount to Campaign 100. LCIF has had enormous impact on this planet, and we need it more than ever. Please consider giving an individual gift of \$25 for the first time. Going forward, please consider a gift of \$100 annually to fund our service worldwide for the next generation.

I continue to give at least \$250 annually. Will you give, too?



Please subscribe to our [District 9SE YouTube channel](#) and like our [9SE Facebook page](#). Besides the social media component, we will also send out emails as appropriate.

Several district scholarships are available for this year's Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute, scheduled for July 23-35, 2021, in Maryville, Missouri. There is no specific prerequisite to attend. It is open to any Lion interested in developing

leadership skills that can be used in and out of Lions.

Tuition covers learning materials, meals and lodging during the institute. Contact DG Bryan Bross or PDG Debbie Doty if you are interested in a scholarship for this fantastic educational opportunity. You just have to cover transportation and car pool opportunities may be available. You can find more information on the [GPLLI website](#).

I hope you will join me in the first "all virtual" Lions Clubs International Convention coming this June 25-29. You can find more information on the [LCI Convention website](#). Registration is \$50 through March 31. It goes up to \$75 beginning April 1. Check with your club secretary to see if your club will assist with the registration fees.



DECEASED MEMBERS

Member	Club	Years a Lion
Leo Craver	Centerville	7 Years
Dick Reynolds	Winfield	1 Year
Leonard Seda	Victor	9 Years

Service Around the District (from MyLion thru 2/13/21)

BIRMINGHAM – Blood drive.

CLEAR CREEK – Food pantry donation

CORYDON – Collected scrap metal; various donations.

OSKALOOSA – Packed Take-Along Meals for children; made Valentine's for 275 longterm care residents.

SOLON – Food pantry donation; 4th Annual Lake MacBride Fat Tire Classic

VICTOR – Assisted the food bank.

District 9NW

District Governor

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Welcome to our virtual District Convention on March 27!

As I write this article it feels like we are living at the North Pole! Last month it was unseasonably warm and this month it definitely is the opposite with frigid temperatures and below zero wind chill. I can promise you the upcoming online 9NW District Convention will be nice and warm in the comfort of your home with no worries of bad weather. The best part - it is free!

The district convention is coming soon. If you haven't already, mark your calendar for **Saturday, March 27** (tentatively from 9 am to 12:30 pm). We have an awesome program planned including four amazing speakers: **ID Lion Gary F. Brown, PID Lion Ardie Klemish, Brenda Clark Hamilton, and Scott Biddle.**

We are really blessed to have **International Director Gary Brown** from Cape Vincent, New York, as our guest of honor at our 9NW convention. Here is a short message from him:

TO MY FELLOW LIONS IN 9NW AND THE GREAT STATE OF IOWA:

Who could ever imagine we'd live through Covid-19 and that it would still be in control of our lives. No one likes it - but we as Lions have found that the world needs us now more than ever. Our service is a beacon of hope to them in a world where it seems good news is hard to come by.



Here is some good news I can share: Over the same period from last Lions fiscal year Club Reporting is up 19%; New Members are up 16%; New Clubs are up 29% and Service Activities are a plus 30%. Clubs are obviously finding their way and adapting.

It takes leadership for this to happen. LCI has tried to do its part by sharing ways to serve safely, to raise funds safely and suggesting innovative ways to stay in touch as Lions and Lions Clubs. But we also realize there is no "one size fits all"

solution. Much of it is local and much of it is personal. One suggestion I share is for clubs and Lions to look in on one another. If someone's afraid of Zoom teach them how easy it is. Invite them onto your calls so they can experience it and get over the fear. It may not be the ideal way to get together - but it's far better than nothing.

Leaders are born in tough times like this. This is not the time to be silent and withdraw. Share your ideas. Share your talents and always share your passion for service. It's contagious and always makes a difference.

I am always fond of also sharing my passion for mentoring. We can discuss it more when we're together but I have seen mentoring draw out new leaders and strengthen seasoned ones. There is a saying in business that "The first job of a good leader is to find, mentor and encourage" their replacement. This is the perfect time to be looking for that opportunity.

Even in a pandemic, my fellow Lions, we have touched the lives of nearly 200 million people. Let that number sink in. And here's the sobering part: Those very same people are counting on us to always be there.

I thank you for your service and leadership and I can't wait to be with you. Together we prove to the world that "Kindness Matters."

Gary F. Brown
International Director, 2018-2021

We are overjoyed to have **Brenda Clark Hamilton**, one of the most dynamic and popular motivational speakers today, sharing her incredible message "This Is Not My First Rodeo!" Fittingly, the subtitle "Strategies for Resilience During Stressful Times" surely seems to hit the spot, not only for us Lions but for everyone.



You will learn several user-friendly tools for facing the most stressful of times with a calm assurance that says, "This is not my first rodeo; I've been through difficult times before. I can face whatever is thrown my way, with wisdom, creativity, common sense, and quiet confidence." We are indeed fortunate and grateful to have a high-powered and professional speaker like her at our humble convention. To learn more about Brenda, view her [website](#).

Motivational Speaker **Scott Biddle** is another of our powerful presenters.

Do you have a desire to see the next generation become all they can become? To help them, discover their part in changing the world. Biddle, founder of Unleashed Heroes and president of Listen 2 Engage, will challenge you to learn to bridge the communication gap to get generations working together to serve our communities and the world in Lions global causes.

“All it takes is one person to believe in a young man or woman for them to reach their dreams and you are that man, sir!” - Terry Crew

Past International Director Ardie Klemish, who serves on the USA/Canada Forum Planning Committee will remind us that Iowa will be hosting the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Des Moines Sept. 9-11, 2021. Yes, right here in Iowa! Are you ready to help make the best Forum in Lions history? PID Ardie Klemish will explain on March 27 what’s about to happen and how Iowa Lions can help.

My goal for the convention is to make it the best one you have ever attended! The Zoom link will be emailed to every Lion in District 9NW for whom we have an e-mail address. Are you currently receiving Newsflashes and other mailings from 9NW? If not, send an e-mail to our District PR Chair Stefan Sandberg at stefandg1314@gmail.com to get on the district e-mailing list. You won’t regret it!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Member	Club	Sponsor
Sean Minikis	Fort Dodge Noon	Steven Rethwisch
Tyler Rueter	Marcus	Harold Klassen
Brent Cuttell	Royal	Mitch Fahnlander
Greg Cuttell	Royal	Mitch Fahnlander
Kevin Fahnlander	Royal	Mitch Fahnlander
Wes McQuire	Royal	Mitch Fahnlander

We are sorry for the death of these faithful and dedicated Lions

Member	Club	Years a Lion
John Feikema	Orange City	8 years
Duane Anderson	Peterson	52 years
Lois Johnson	Wall Lake	20 years
Victor Johnson	Wall Lake	20 years

Service Activities

CHURDAN held a Christmas drawing with 27 kids; donated \$400 for needy families; delivered Meals on Wheels.



STABILIZATION. Fort Dodge Evening Lions took on a project to fix and stabilize a deck on a double wide trailer for a mother and a son whose father had passed away from COVID-19 in December. The unstable deck had collapsed and was dangerous to walk on to get in the house. Lion Earl Possehn and Lion Rosemary Possehn of the Fort Dodge Evening Lions saw a need to help and found two young men who had some knowledge of fixing a wooden deck. The Lions found some lumber, nails and tools and went to work on the deck. It took about 5 hours to replace the footings and add some lumber to replace steps. The club finished about the same time as the mother arrived home. She about cried and said she is so thankful that the Lions took on this task for their safety and welfare. Above are before and after photos.



COVID TALK. Pocahontas County Public Health Nurse Anne Thompson, pictured above with Past District Governor Glenn Markley, spoke to the Rolfe Lions Club recently. She spoke about the Public Health Department, its personnel and the services it provides. The tasks now include COVID-19 prevention/immunization activities. Thompson provided a fact sheet on the Moderna vaccine currently in use in Pocahontas County and answered many questions from the members and the public concerning the county’s efforts to successfully schedule and manage the immunization process.

District 9SW

District Governor
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Bags to Benches – Build with Bags for Iowa

By 9SW 2nd VDG Dawn Goodsell

We as Lions are dedicated to do what we can to make our environment a better place for all. There is a grant-based project in which our Lions Clubs can get involved.

The Iowa Grocery Industry Association takes plastic bags and creates material such as park benches and playground equipment for our communities. Now this is a grant-based project which includes criteria which has to be followed. Points are based on specific criteria and the award is up to \$2,000.

For more information please go to the [Iowa Grocery Industry Association website](#).

This is a wonderful opportunity to start recycling bags and making others aware of the importance of keeping Iowa beautiful.



We post a lot of information on our [9SW District Facebook page](#). PLEASE go out and like our page so you get our posts to show up in your Facebook feed!

Service Projects

(Jan. 16 - Feb. 15, reported in MyLion)

INDIANOLA NOON provided financial assistance to a local resident for hearing aids.

EARLHAM donated \$100 to Iowa Lions Foundation, \$800 to a community organization for a series of free programs for the elderly area residents and \$100 to Leader Dogs for the Blind.

AUDUBON donated materials for the Audubon High School Industrial Arts class to build four handicap-accessible tables. Three of the tables were placed on the lawns of the Friendship Village and one at the Albert the Bull shelter house.

EXIRA held a Valentine Scholarship Dinner.

How to Remember Our Past Lions

By 9SW 2nd VDG Dawn Goodsell

We have all lost someone in the past year to either the virus or other health conditions. The question always comes to mind, how do we remember these loved ones and how do we show ongoing respect for them?

Recently our town started to build and reconstruct our town park. We have created a walking trail. Our Lions club has purchased and planted trees and bushes to start creating a wonderful place for families and friends to go.

We, as Lions, have discussed ideas on how we can continue to honor our members who have passed away. We do give money to the Iowa Lions Foundation, but what can we do as a group in our town that will reflect the honor of which it was to know and work with each one of these individuals?

The next step is benches. You see, it is a long walking trail and sometimes we get tired and need to rest. A memorial bench was purchased and placed in front of one of the trees. This bench is metal and converts to a picnic bench of sorts. What a wonderful idea to be able to take a walk and sit and have a picnic or snack as well.

I would love to see our Lions clubs purchase benches in memory of our past members. Our club purchased benches from [Lifetime Convertible Bench](#).

9SW CONVENTION REGISTRATION

March 13, 2021

10 a.m. to 12 noon

***We Are Going Virtual
(No Charge to Participate)***

You will receive a link for Virtual Meeting one week before and the day of the convention.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Club: _____

District: _____

Mail to: PCC Pat Parker
404 W. Jackson St.
Panora, IA 50216
or email parkerlc@netins.net

9SW New Members: Welcome To Lions! July 1, 2020 - Jan. 31, 2021

Club	Member	Sponsor
Adel	Chris R. Cundiff	
Adel	P. Mike Giles II	Josh Shull
Adel	Ryan W. Campbell	Josh Shull
Adel	Matt R. Dorwart	Josh Shull
Adel	Noah R. Johnson	Josh Shull
Adel	Ty Kirk	Josh Shull
Adel	Jason M. Leinen	Josh Shull
Adel	Dan S. Novelli	Josh Shull
Adel	David Oberhoffer	Josh Shull
Adel	John Raygar	Delbert Buchman
Adel	Scott A. Stumbo	Josh Shull
Adel	Michael J. Sutter	Josh Shull
Adel	Troy Thornton	Ray Hemphill
Anita	Paul Croghan	Dominic Giegerich
Anita	Travis Dorsey	Brian Fogelman
Anita	Bernie Pettinger	Donald Huff
Anita	Luke Symonds	Joe Wollum
Anita	Chad Thomas	Travis Dorsey
Creston	Matt F. Ramaeker	
Earlham	Katy Blatnick-Gagne	Dusky Terry
Earlham	Brad Gagne	
Exira	Jacqueline Barrett	Allen Zobel
Exira	William Barrett	Allen Zobel
Exira	Diana M Borger	Dale Huegerich
Exira	Brenda Brandt	Allen Zobel
Exira	Michelle Kilmer	Ronald Graham
Exira	Scott E Kilmer	Ronald Graham
Exira	Lisa Welch	Allen Zobel
Exira	Mike Wells	Allen Zobel
Exira	J.H. Wolf	
Glenwood	Neal E Grabow	Don Yates
Glenwood	Dick Stipe	Don Yates
Greenfield	Heath S Downing	
Greenfield	Kelly C Stull	Kendalyn Huff
Greenfield	Tom Walk	
Leon	James H Roth	John Dunsdon
Leon	Lou Ann Roth	John Dunsdon
Lorimor	Tim A Sly Sr	
Martensdale	Ron L Milligan	John Ralls
Martensdale	John Ralls	Jim Dixon
Martensdale	Mary Ralls	John Ralls
Martensdale	Teresa A Winn	Mary Ralls
New Virginia	Jerry M Young	Reba Reed
Norwalk	Alec J Lester	David Lester
Panora	Ismael Galvan Jr	Michael Gliem
Redfield	Jerry C Kuttler	Jay Means
Redfield	Lori L Kuttler	Iva Means
Redfield	Cathy M Price	Marvin Coulter
Redfield	Larry Price	Marvin Coulter
Tingley	Josh Briner	
Tingley	Brenda Comer	
Tingley	Larry Jarred	
Tingley	Mary Overholtzer	
Villisca	Harry V Rossander	Sheila Haisiak
Villisca	Victoria A Rossander	Sheila Haisiak

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Grand River Lions Club

Grand River Lions became a club in 1954 and currently has 19 members. Activities and fundraisers include a rodeo, Christmas activities, Can Center, helping the elderly and school kids. The club hosts an annual Easter Egg Hunt and Ice Cream Social.

This past year they have paid the electricity of two local restaurants to help keep them in business during COVID-19 restrictions.



MEMBERSHIP AWARDS. Grand River Lions receive Lions Clubs International Membership Chevron Awards. Pictured (L-R) are Kevin Kendall (20 years), Nick Morrell (30 years) and Brad Binning (35 years).

In Memory

9SW Deceased Members July 1, 2020 thru Jan. 31, 2021

Club	Member	Years A Lion
Afton	Erma Marie Damewood	10
Atlantic	James R. Conn	25
Atlantic	John Eskew	22
Audubon	Darrell R. Whitehead	23
Bayard	Wayne Brown	54
Council Bluffs	Lavern Stork	22
Creston	Delmer Brown	22
Glenwood	Robert Burgoin	46
Guthrie Center	Robert Feilmeyer	54
Indianola	Russell Long	48
Jamaica	James Hogge	32
Leon	Frank Binning	33
Martensdale	Gladys I. Dixon	1
Massena	Lowell Jensen	43
Mount Ayr	Dan Cuning	48
Murray	Gene Burgus	50
Panora	Duane A. Bandy	21
Redfield	Charles Arnburg	58
Stuart	Sarah Johnson	6
Tingley	John Overholtzer	55
Winterset	Eric J. Hollen	45

District 9EC

District Governor

Stan Stanfield

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Will you save the life of your club? Will you???

We have turned the lights back on and opened our doors.

Approved by the LCI Board of Directors:

To support the incredible men and women serving with us, the International Board of Directors unanimously passed another resolution to help our clubs. They are doing their part, now let us do ours by getting new members in our clubs.

- Charter and entrance fees of \$35.00 is waived – We have waived all charter and entrance fees from January 1 through June 30, 2021.
- Flexible payments – No clubs in good standing on December 31, 2020 will be suspended or canceled through June 30, 2021 for late payment of dues. Full payment is required to be received before June 30, 2021 to avoid suspension or cancellation.



NEWLY CHARTERED. DG Stan Stanfield presents the new charter for the Davenport Village Lions Club to Hal Wagher (far right), past president of the Davenport Host Lions Club, and Lyle Miller (far left), president of the newly-named Davenport Village Lions Club. In July of 2020, the Davenport Host Lions Club membership combined with the Davenport Village Branch Lions Club to form the “new” club, all that was required was a new name for the combined membership. This allowed continuation of the original 1924 charter.

JANUARY NEW MEMBER

Welcome to 9EC - The BEST District in Iowa

Member

Audrey Savage

Club

Monticello

Sponsor



GRAND MASTER. District Governor Stan Stanfield presents Past International Director Norman Dean with the Grand Master Key & Medallion for sponsoring over 50 members during his 55 plus years of service to Lions Club International. It was an honor to present him with this award.

9EC SPRING CONVENTION REGISTRATION

March 20, 2021

10 a.m. to 12 noon

***We will hold a virtual convention
(No Charge to Participate)***

You will receive a link for Virtual Meeting one week before and the day of the convention.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Club: _____

District: _____

Mail to: DG Chester (Stan) Stanfield

610 Danielle, Ct,

Blue Grass, Iowa 52726

or email stan.stanfield68@gmail.com

In and Around the District in January/February

ANDREW LIONS made pillowcases for cancer patients to be used during chemo sessions; held a blood drive in conjunction with the Mississippi Valley Blood Center.

BLUE GRASS served as Honor Guard at a veteran's funeral; held a monthly meeting; knitted caps for homeless; recycled material; removed snow and ice for a senior citizen.

CEDAR RAPIDS provided vision screenings and eyeglass fitting for adults; collected 557 eyeglasses from community collection boxes.

DAVENPORT VILLAGE purchased glasses for two individuals in need, held virtual board and regular meetings.

ELDRIDGE relayed eye tissue for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank; held a food service event that directly provides nutritious foods to hungry community members; collected donated eyeglasses; packed and delivered goods for local food organizations.

LOWDEN held a vision screening at the North Central Lowden and Calamus Wheatland elementary schools; helped organize and distribute food from the Zion Food Pantry in Lowden; held a monthly meeting.

MOUNT VERNON held its February meeting; went shopping for food to help Southeast Linn Food Bank needs.

MONTICELLO held an in-person meeting.

STANWOOD hosted a blood drive with the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center and collected 22 units that has the potential to help 88 people; donated \$550 to the Iowa Lions Foundation.

TIPTON honored Lion Bill Driscoll and his partner in service, Peggy. The club will host a drive-through St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser at the Tipton Lions Clubhouse on St. Patrick's Day. The Tipton Boy Scouts Troop 76 and Cub Scouts will be assisting with the project.

WYOMING removed and stored Christmas lighting from the business district; disposed of Christmas trees.

In Memoriam

Member	Club	Years a Lion
Joseph Cook	Center Point	45
Dale Knott	Coggon	5



EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE. Goose Lake and Low Moor Lions donate funds to the Dombrowski family after the couple lost their home in a house fire. The money was matched with funds from the 9EC Care and Share program. Pictured (L-R) are Goose Lake Lion DeWayne Schroeder, Low Moor Lion Jerome Burken, Goose Lake Lions Dale Schroeder and Dave Wenzel, along with Roman and Brittany Dombrowski.

District 9NC

District Governor

Darwin Meyer

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Hello Lions of 9NC. Here we are in March and things are beginning to ever-so-slightly return to normal. COVID-19 vaccinations are starting to be administered. Spring will be here on March 20 according to the calendar. Lions clubs are starting to talk about getting back together. New ways of meeting and fundraising are beginning to be talked about. We all need to think outside the box, looking at what our community needs are and how we, as LIONS, can put our motto "We Serve" to good use. Eyeglasses and hearing aids still need to be collected and recycled. Children's eyes still need to be checked through our KidSight program.

One of the big things I've encountered this winter as your district governor is clubs that have not reported their officers for 2020-2021. Even when they have retained the officers from last year, LCI does not recognize these clubs until they are reported for the year. If the club secretary does not report them, the club president can by filling out the PU 101 form available through LCI or by calling me for a form.

What happens when officers are not reported? I get a bulk mailing from International with dues statements. I then have to contact those clubs. I get comments, "I'm not the club treasure or secretary anymore, why do I continue to receive information?"

I then go to my contact list from the Who's Who for each club and quite often the phone number I find is a land line that has been disconnected or an email that is no longer valid. When I try to send a letter out, I get it back with the notice "unable to deliver to this address."

Then I start calling people I find in the club roster and I am told, "I am no longer a Lion and I don't know who you can contact." Or I get a message from International that a club is in suspension because they have not paid their dues, or that they are dropping their charter! Then I call clubs to find out why and I hear, "We did not receive any communication or help from International or the state."

We can't help clubs unless they reach out and talk to us and let us help them. There is a saying that goes, "If you don't put something in, you can't expect to get anything back."

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Club	Member	Sponsor
Charles City	Philip Scott	Dennis Tynan
Iowa Falls	Stephanie Dage	Marian Gerhls
Rowan	Betty Hadley	R E Aldrich
Rowan	Kevin Hadley	R E Aldrich
Rowan	Bonnie Leist	R E Aldrich
Rowan	Sandy Hofmeister	Nancy Hofmeister
Parkersburg	Gina Dannenbring	Katherine Humphrey

If clubs don't send a representative to district meetings and conventions, or ask or let a district governor come to make a club visit, or ask to have a LCIF or Iowa Lions Foundation representative come and share what needs are, it is hard for the average Lion to get involved with who we are as Lions. They help in their communities and that is about the extent of their involvement.

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service organization and we have been serving and caring for our communities and neighbors since 1917, when Melvin Jones founded the organization. He said, "You can't get very far until you start doing something for someone else".

District Convention on April 10

Our 9NC Spring Convention is coming up Saturday, April 10. We are planning a combined in-person/Zoom convention. The convention will be held at the Rockwell Community Center. We will temperature check each person attending. Masks will be required and social distancing will be utilized. We will have coffee, water and rolls available. A light lunch will be provided when our International guest, Steve Thornton, will be speaking to us on Zoom.

Cost for the in-person is projected to be \$10 per person. Remember, we have a parade of checks to turn in that day for the different entities we support as Lions. A convention invitation will be forthcoming to all 9NC clubs.

9NC Care & Share

Clubs, remember that we have a Care & Share program in our district. We can help non-Lions in our communities with this fund. Talk to 1st Vice District Governor Stan Johnson about the program. He can be reached at (319) 240-2211.

We can give help up to \$500 through a 50/50 matching fund. If the club asks and fills out the nomination form for \$500, then matches it with \$500 that can be a \$1,000 gift, or any amount less than that.

Iowa Lions State Convention

Our Iowa Lions State Convention will be held May 21-22 at Camp Courageous in Monticello. Charlie Becker, the executive director, who is also a Lion, offered the camp to us as it was an available weekend with no activities being planned. Look for more information in other parts of The Iowa Lion.

Iowa Lions Foundation Needs Help

Our Iowa Lions Foundation is in need of club and individual support. This pandemic has put a damper on club fundraising activities, but the need is still there for KidSight, Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank, Iowa Cochlear Implant Center, Iowa Lions Eye Bank and the Iowa School for the Deaf.

We have about 910 members in 9NC. If every member gave \$10 to our Iowa Lions Foundation, we could raise over \$9,000. That is one meal that we have not had to buy for one Lions month in most clubs or two Quarter Pounder meals from McDonalds. Take your pick.

Need information on the Iowa Lions Foundation, contact trustees [Marian Gerhls](#) or [Lisa Prochaska](#).

In Memoriam

CLUB

Parkersburg
Kensett

MEMBER

Miles Humphrey
Richard Holstad

9NC District Activities

reported for 2020-2021

**2,096 people served, 68 activities,
523 hours, \$4,709 raised**

CHARLES CITY presented the district governor 50 hearing aids at a club visit.

HUMBOLDT did eyeglass recycling and donations.

HAMPTON delivered Meals on Wheels weekly, serving 14 people.

NORTHWOOD prepared a community meal, serving 654 people.

OSAGE did Bridges Mentoring.

SHEFFIELD worked at the West Fork Food Pantry September through January, serving 70 families per month with 930 volunteer hours.

Spread the Word to Help Raise Funds for LCIF

By PDG Jim Bixler

MD9 LCIF Coordinator

Lions of Iowa, spread the word far and wide to Lions, family and friends and prospective Lions to watch the live Lions Clubs International Foundation Campaign 100 Tell-A-Thon on [YouTube](#), Sunday, April 11 from 4-8 pm CDT (Central). This will be a great opportunity for one and all to learn more about LCIF and what it does and enjoy some entertainment. I implore you to watch, enjoy it and, if you haven't donated to Campaign 100 yet, donate at this time.

See the Tell-A-Thon flyer on Page 26 of this issue of The Iowa Lion.

In addition to this, I have asked each of your LCIF district coordinators to increase our individual giving to LCIF.

One way they may accomplish this is a board where individuals can donate a set amount per square for a chance to receive a Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF). Once the board is full, a square will be randomly picked and that square will receive a MJF or Progressive MJF.

It is my hope that by the state convention, there will be seven more MJFs in the state. The district coordinators will need to keep track of the member's donations so that they will have installments that they can increase to the level of an additional MJF.

I challenge you to make your LCIF multiple district coordinator (that's me) become money poor, but richer in serving our communities here and around the world.

District 9MC

No District Governor
at this time

This month's newsletter
prepared by
Council Chair Judy Stone
Gladbrook Lions Club



We are really proud of our clubs. Many of you continue to serve your communities with the normal service work, while others have gotten creative in serving during COVID-19.

Now that we have a vaccine, maybe we could volunteer to transport our members to get their shots. In many counties, they are starting the 1B phase with 90 and up, then 80 and up, then 70 and up and so on. If you know of a club member or neighbor that will be in these groups, reach out and see if they have transportation. It may be as simple as riding along with them on public transportation.

Check with who is doing vaccines in your communities and see if you can help by calling on people or by handing out goodies while people wait 15 minutes after their shot to make sure they don't react to it.

There are always ways to help serve. We appreciate that our clubs are serving those new needs.

We can also start calling our schools that we do KidSight in and get on their schedules for the start of the 2021/2022 school year. Let the schools know we are still here and still serving our youngest community members with KidSight.

HEY, it's convention time! We will make the decision in a few days at our next cabinet meeting (Feb 20, 2021) about whether we will hold our convention in person or virtually. I am hoping we can do it in person, I miss all of you.

Either way it will be on April 24, 2021, starting at 9:30 a.m. We will be sending the final decision to club presidents and secretaries. If you want to attend, please check with your club president and/or your secretary for the online information link, or you can email me at jstone4254@live.com and I will send you the link. If you plan to attend in

person, please, consider donating a basket or silent auction item.

The international guest for our convention is Past International Director Bud Wahl from Illinois. If you have ever taken a class on Lions University, PID Bud probably taught the class. We will welcome him to Iowa, even if it is virtually.

Your club president and secretary will also receive district voting instructions. Your district officers running for election are as follows:

District Governor: _____

1st VDG: David Coates

2nd VDG: _____

Iowa Lions Trustee: CC Judy Stone

As you can see, we are still looking for someone to step up for district governor and 2nd VDG. Please consider yourself or a member of your club.

It is also time for each club to start electing your officers for the next Lion year. If you need assistance or direction in doing that, please reach out to anyone of us on your cabinet. Those officers have to be put into the LCI website before June 30, 2021 to keep our club records up to date.

Deceased Members

Club	Member	Years a Lion
DSM South	Patricia Robbins	12 years
Prairie City	Larry Ross	13 years

Service Projects

BONDURANT: the board continues to discuss trade or vocational school scholarships along with current high school; meetings are still held virtually.

DYSART: held a successful pancake breakfast on Feb. 13; donated funds for a bulk mailing for a Girl Scout; hosted a blood drive; voted to have five \$500 scholarships this year.

DES MOINES SOUTH: collected more than 700 pairs of glasses and delivering meals to shut-ins.

GLADBROOK: cleaned, read and packaged 3,100 pairs of glasses.

URBANDALE: packed non-perishable goods; 50 meals went to the Jensen Elementary School.



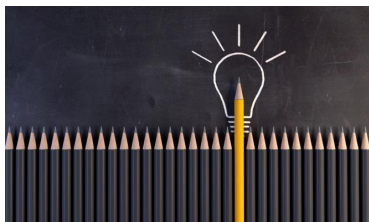
NEW PURPOSE. The lensometer being used by the Gladbrook Lions to read prescriptions on recycled eyeglasses.



GIVING A PINT. Dysart Lions Club Treasurer Rick Krug gives blood at the club's January blood drive.

Care and Concerns:

Steve Halstead, Bondurant Lions and Tissue Transport coordinator, had back surgery.



CALLING ALL WOMEN Iowa Lions Women's Symposium

- Calling all Iowa Lion Women: State Convention May 21, 2021 For a Brainstorming session: Women recruiting members, Defining service projects for our communities and Opportunities for new leaders.
- Let's be honest, Women Lions are a pretty cool group. We are the first on the job and the last to leave. You might say, we are the backbone of service doing the stuff that needs to get done. It's what we do, do it best and with a smile.
- Taking our strength and applying it to all things Lions, We make a real impact.
- WE ARE ASKING THAT YOU PRE-REGISTER FOR THE WOMEN'S SYMPOSIUM SO WE CAN PREPARE KITS FOR EACH OF YOU!

Membership is the Lifeblood of Our Clubs

By PDG Doug Welton

MD9 Global Membership Team Coordinator

Membership is the lifeblood of a club and our organization. How are your clubs and your district doing? The numbers for the multiple district are showing that we are able to continue to get new members – 235 so far this year – but for some reason we do not seem to be able to keep them once we get them. We have dropped 456 so far this year. This does not indicate that our organization is winning the battle of being a successful organization.

More members appear to be losing interest in serving their neighbors. I am not sure as to what the problem is, but I believe that maybe they are not looking at the big picture of what one can do to help make a difference in the world.

There is a saying, “Some people live an entire lifetime wondering if they’ve made a difference in the world, Lions don’t face that problem.”

Mark Twain said, “Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn’t do than by the ones you did do. So, throw off the bowlines, sail away from safe harbor, catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore, Dream, Discover.”

One way to live is to be a part of something bigger than you. Another quote by Jim Rohn is, “Successful people do what unsuccessful people are not willing to do. Don’t wish it were easier; wish you were better.”

I have always tried to get the message across that each time we do something for Lions, raise funds to support a cause or help lead and grow our clubs, we have helped make someone’s day or life better. That is what Lions is all about. We all know what needs to be done. We just have to do it.

PID Joyce Middleton of Massachusetts has a saying about 10 little words that she lives by which are: “If, it, is, to, be, it, is, up, to, me.”

We need to listen to our members for new ideas and what problems may be out there. Invite old and new members to be included in all functions of the

club. We cannot make everyone happy, but as Lions we can try.

“When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us.”– Helen Keller.

Lions Clubs International had a webinar each Monday night in January on NAMI (North America Membership Initiative) project and gave insights into what it takes to implement this program in your district and club. The basics are to Build a Team, Build a Vision, Build a Plan and Build Success.

There were members from the pilot areas talking about what they had done to make the program work for them. It takes time to get this program started, but it is more than a one-year program to do and should be worked on as a continuing project.

To get more information about NAMI you can go to the [NAMI page on the Lions Clubs International website](#).

The new member fee of \$35 has been suspended through June 30, 2021. This can be helpful in recruiting new members.

We need to just ASK people to join us for a visit or to help out with our mission.

Hockey great Wayne Gretzky once said, “You miss 100% of the shots you don’t take.” If you do not ask, nothing will happen!

Henry Ford said, “Whether you think you can or you think you can’t, you’re right”.

It will take all of us to win the battle we are fighting about a decline in membership. If we continue to do what we have always done, we will continue to get what we have always got.

Best wishes in growing your clubs and districts.



2021 Iowa Lions State Convention, Camp Courageous
REGISTRATION FORM
May 21-22, 2021 Camp Courageous, 12007 190th St, Monticello

ROOM RESERVATIONS are your responsibility and should be made directly with the following hotels:

Please tell the hotel you are with the Lions of Iowa to get these rates.

- Cobblestone Inn & Suites, 218 Welter Dr., Monticello, 319-465-3036, \$99, 5 miles from Camp Courageous
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- AmericInn Anamosa, 101 Harley Ave, Anamosa, 319-462-4119, 14 miles from Camp Courageous
- Camping: Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park, 22128 HWY 38 N, Monticello, 319-465-4665

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM COMPLETELY

NAME _____ LION _____ LIONESS _____ LEO _____ GUEST _____
 CURRENT OFFICE HELD _____ FIRST TIMER: YES _____ NO _____
 CLUB _____ DISTRICT _____ EMAIL: _____
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REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 3rd.
\$10 late fee added after that date

		<u>Number</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Friday Dinner	\$25.00 per Adult	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Lunch	\$25.00 per Adult	_____	\$ _____
Registration Only (No Meals)	\$20.00 per Adult	_____	\$ _____
Late Fee after May 3rd	\$10.00 per Reg.	_____	\$ _____
Total Amount Due			\$ _____

If you have **SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS** please use a separate sheet with your name and needs required.

Please make checks payable to: **Lions of Iowa State Convention**
 And mail to: **Iowa Lions State Office, 2300 S. Duff, Ames, IA 50010**
 Phone: 515-232-2215 E-Mail: info@iowalions.org

Meal Ticket is Required for Saturday Lunch.

CLICK the link below to Register Online
State Convention Online Registration

*****REGISTRATION FEES*****

A \$20.00 registration fee IS required for those who are not purchasing the Meals

\$20.00 registration only allows you attendance to all Convention Activities with the exception of Meals

NO REFUNDS AFTER MAY 3, 2021 ADMITTANCE BY BADGE ONLY

Participate in a Friday Service Activity! Check one option below!

- _____ Level 1- Little to no physical activity involved.
- _____ Level 2- Light to moderate physical activity will be involved.
- _____ Level 3- Moderate to high physical activity will be involved.
- _____ Camp Tour _____

Friday Service Activity is scheduled for 1:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

If you would like to donate toilet paper, paper towels or disinfectant wipes please bring them with you.

_____ Yes. I would like to attend the Women's Symposium (No extra fee)



THE IOWA LION

Ideas for Socially-Distant Environmental Projects

*By PDG Debbie Doty
Editor*

Now is the time to plan environmental service projects for Lions Environmental Awareness Month in April. After a hard winter of record-breaking snowfall and temperatures, many people are ready for spring and outdoor activities.

The internet is full of ideas to celebrate Earth Day (April 22) and Environmental Awareness Month. Here are some project ideas that can easily fit into a world of social distancing and still satisfy our Lions environmental service needs.

Community Litter Pick Up – Encourage people in your community to pick up litter in their own areas. Pick a week or a day to focus on and encourage people to post comments and photos on your club's social media page showing the litter pickup in action. It's something people can do together, but apart.

Plan a Nature Scavenger Hunt – Distribute lists of local flora and/or nature areas for individuals and families to explore. Have them take photos on their cell phones and share to social media, or they can turn in their marked-off lists to enter some kind of prize drawing. Perhaps work with your county conservation agent to talk about the native plants and animals in

your area.

Hold a Birdhouse Building Workshop – Buy easy birdhouse kits to distribute to children to build and paint as they would like. Encourage the children to hang their birdhouses at their homes, or maybe even the home of an older loved one to enjoy.

Make and Distribute Seed Bombs – Have club members make seed bombs to pass out in the community, or hold a socially-distant workshop and invite community members to it.

To make, combine one part seeds, five parts compost, and 3 parts clay powder or clay soil (to help it stick together) in a bowl. Add a few drop of water at a time as you mix the whole thing together. Shape it into balls, then lay them out in the sun to dry.

You can do this with milkweed and other polinator friendly seeds, too. This was a service project at the Iowa Lions State Convention a few years ago.

Plant a Community Garden – Put out a community garden and encourage town residents to help cultivate and harvest throughout the summer.

Offer to Till Garden Spots – Offer to rototill garden spots for people in your town. You could even make this a fundraiser by asking for donations.

ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE



WARREN COLEMAN HONOREE. Grand River Lions Club President Brad Binning (right) presents Lion Randy Van Larr with a Warren Coleman Award.



COURAGEOUS ADVENTURE. A camper has fun with former Camp Courageous Nature Director Uriel "Mr. U" Moorer, right.

WANTED: Lions to Serve as MD9 Global Service Team (GST), Global Leadership Team (GLT) and Global Membership Team (GMT) Coordinators for the 2021-2022 Lions Year.

Submit names to the state office by **May 15, 2021 for consideration
at the final Council of Governors meeting of 2020-2021**

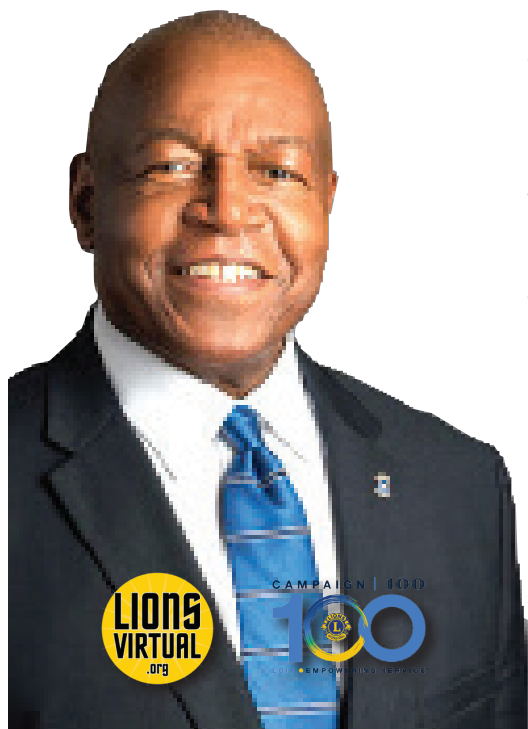
Check out the recommended goals and qualifications for each
multiple district position on the [Global Action Team \(GAT\)](#)
[Leadership page](#) on the Lions Clubs International website

ADDITIONAL DIGITAL COVERAGE



LET'S DO THIS!!!

1. **Donate \$20** or more to **Campaign 100 Tell-A-Thon**
2. **Spread the word** far & wide for Lions, family/friends & prospective Lions to watch the live **Campaign 100 Tell-A-Thon** on [YouTube](https://youtu.be/hC-s5yXPgeo), Sunday, April 11th from 5-9 pm EDT (*New York*)



3. **Share your success stories** to pdg10jen@hotmail.com & you might see them in pre-event promotion or during the live event

QUESTIONS

PID Jenny Ware, Campaign
100 Vice Chair - CA1
pdg10jen@hotmail.com
906-399-8214

TELL-A-THON OVERVIEW

Sunday, April 11, 2021

5-9 pm EDT

View on YouTube Live

<https://youtu.be/hC-s5yXPgeo>

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Emcee: LCI VP Doug Alexander
- Music & Entertainment
- Special Guests
- Inspiring stories

GOAL

- Raise awareness among Lions & prospective Lions about LCIF's impact
- Raise funds for Campaign 100 to further our service
- Challenge every Lion to donate \$20 in support of LCIF Campaign 100 Tell-A-Thon

DONATE NOW

- 100% of donations go to LCIF Campaign 100



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Lions Clubs of Iowa

Multiple District 9, Constitution

(Adopted at State Convention Cedar Rapids June 7, 2014)(May22, 2021)

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:



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, **Multiple District Council Secretary/Treasurer** who shall be the ~~state administrator~~ **Multiple District Council Secretary/Treasurer** and if there is no ~~state administrator~~, **Multiple District Council Secretary/Treasurer** 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.

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 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.

(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)(May 22, 2021)

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. 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~~ **Multiple District Council Secretary/Treasurer** in all matters regarding the operation of the state office and membership enhancement.

- (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~~ **Multiple District Council Secretary/Treasurer** 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~~ **MULTIPLE DISTRICT COUNCIL SECRETARY/TREASURER**

- (a) The position of ~~State administrator~~ **Multiple District Council Secretary/Treasurer** consists of responsibilities as state secretary-treasurer and as field representative for Multiple District 9.
- (b) The amount of time spent as ~~State administrator~~ **Multiple District Council 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~~ **Multiple District Council Secretary/Treasurer** shall receive such compensation as may be determined by the Council and shall serve at the pleasure of the Council.
- (d) The ~~State administrator~~ **Multiple District Council Secretary/Treasurer** 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~~ **Multiple District Council Secretary/Treasurer** 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.

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

(f) The duties of the ~~State administrator~~ **Multiple District Council**

Secretary/Treasurer as **and/or** 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** 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.
- (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 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.

(3) The council chairperson and ~~State administrator~~ **Multiple District Council Secretary/Treasurer** 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,~~ **Multiple District Council Secretary/Treasurer** 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.

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

Multiple District Council Secretary/Treasurer

(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 office~~ assistant's and ~~state administrator's~~ **Multiple District Council Secretary/Treasurer'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.

~~(e)~~ (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 **appropriate** use of Lions' logo and name on the Iowa Lions' and district Lions' websites.
- (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~~ **Multiple District Council Secretary/Treasurer** 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~~ **Multiple District Council Secretary/Treasurer** 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.

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.~~ **Multiple District Council Secretary/Treasurer**
- (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 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 Multiple District Council Secretary/Treasurer** 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 a ~~"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 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~~ **by** 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~~
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~~ **Multiple District Council Secretary/Treasurer** 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~~ **Multiple**

~~District Council Secretary/Treasurer~~ of the request and the eligibility determination. The ~~State administrator~~ **Multiple District Council Secretary/Treasurer** 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.

(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~~ **Multiple District Council Secretary/Treasurer** 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.

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

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:

<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~~ **Multiple District Council Secretary/Treasurer** for distribution as determined by the Council.

ARTICLE XI

Other Multiple District 9 Lions Organizations

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 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.

Section 4. MEETINGS AND REPORTS:

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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:**

(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~~ **Multiple District Council Secretary/Treasurer** and with the council chairperson. Notice of the time and place of such meetings, shall be sent to the members of the Editorial Board, the ~~State administrator~~, **Multiple District Council Secretary/Treasurer** 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.

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 "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~~ **Multiple District Council Secretary/Treasurer** 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.

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 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 (GAT) 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.
- (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.

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.
- (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~~, **Multiple District Council Secretary/Treasurer and Office Assistant** 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

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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