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Get Ready for a Great MD9 State Convention in Ames

*By Chris Waring
MD9 Convention Planning Committee Chair*

I am excited, and I hope you are too, that the International Banquet is returning this year to our MD9 State Convention. The banquet will be held Friday, May 20 at 6 p.m. at Gateway Hotel and Conference Center in Ames. The hotel is connected to the conference center, providing you the convenience of not having to go outside!

If you choose to spend the night at the Gateway Hotel, the rooms are all double queen. We have a Lions rate of \$119 per night for reservations made before April 19. You will need to call 800-367-2637 by that date and mention you are a Lion.

The International Banquet is where the Lions Clubs International Presidential Awards will be presented, along with the Iowa Lions G.E. Bud Klise Leadership, Ralph A. Whitten Service and Dave Stoufer Spark Plug awards.

Our international guest for the weekend is Past International Director Bruce Beck. He will present the keynote address at the Friday night banquet, as well as help present the awards.

Coming to us from Palisade, Minnesota, PID Beck is no stranger to Iowa. He has been a presenter at the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum and is the chair of the 2022 District Governor Elect Seminar. PID Beck is a retired law enforcement administrator.



PID Bruce Beck

He also served as chief of Palisade Fire Department, president of the Minnesota Fraud Investigators Association, and councilman for the City of Palisade.

I have been asked by a few Lions what the dress will be for Friday night. Council Chair Bryan Bross has set the dress for this

event as business formal, meaning suit coat and tie is appropriate for the gentlemen. If you so choose, you can get all gussied up, but you would be perfectly acceptable in business attire.

For years I didn't attend the banquet because I thought it was only for the "elite" Lions and little ol' me would not be welcomed. This is NOT the case. ALL Lions are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Our Saturday brunch speaker will be Lion Andrea Carlson from Indianola. She will tell the story of how the Iowa Lions Eye Bank restored her infant son's vision with not one, but two, cornea transplants.

I am looking forward to chatting with you May 20-21!

Look for the registration form on Page 23 of this issue of *The Iowa Lion* and a complete agenda of the two-day convention on Page 25 in the digital section.

Lions to Vote on C&B Update at Iowa State Convention

By PID Gary Fry
 Constitution & By Laws Chair

Your Constitution and By Laws Committee, in conjunction with the 2021-2022 Council of Governors, has rewritten our MD9 By Laws. This rewrite was necessitated by changes being made with regard to the State Office. This document will be brought before the delegates attending the Iowa

Lions State Convention in Ames May 21, 2022.

A copy of this rewrite can be found starting on Page 28 of this March issue of *The Iowa Lion* magazine.

This rewrite is being presented by the MD9 Constitution and By Laws Committee and does not need an endorsement from the Council of Governors. The by laws will require a simple majority vote to be adopted.

If you have questions you may contact members of the committee: 9EC PDG Loren Claussen; 9MC PID Gary Fry; 9NC PDG Lisa Prochaska; 9NE PDG Harold Freeman; 9NW PDG Glenn Markley, 9SE CC Bryan Bross; or 9SW PCC Pat Parker.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar. 12	District 9SW Convention, Virtual
Mar. 18-19	District 9EC Convention Mount Vernon
Mar. 26	District 9MC Convention, Virtual
Mar. 31	District 9NW Convention, Virtual
April	Environmental Awareness Month Family & Friends Month Leo Club Awareness Month
April 2	District 9NC Convention, Rockwell
April 9	District 9SE Convention, Virtual
May 2	Dubuque Noon Lions Centennial Celebration, Dubuque
May 14	District 9NE Celebration of Achievement, Strawberry Point
May 20-21	Iowa Lions State Convention Ames
June 11	District 9NE Cabinet Meeting Cedar Falls
June 24-28	Lions Clubs International Convention, Montreal, Canada
July 29-31	Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute, Maryville, Missouri

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A View from the Chair

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Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow on Groundhog's Day, so we will again see six more weeks of winter. The furry rodent, also known as a woodchuck, is of the family of Sciuridae, belonging to the group of large ground squirrels known as marmots. While I don't think a groundhog would be qualified as a meteorologist, there is always quite a spectacle over its predictions about the length of winter. Interestingly, the length of winter is set by earth's axis and its position while orbiting the sun. Oops! Did I just write that? Happy Spring!

We are again taking eyeglasses at the state office. Please note that only eyeglasses will be accepted. Items that should be discarded prior to donation include loose lenses, broken frames, cases, plastic non-prescription sunglasses. Hearing aids are also accepted, but we do not need batteries. Again, please discard any batteries prior to donation.

I previously noted that when I visited Lions clubs as a district governor, I would frequently end my time sharing with the club about the Purposes, Vision Statement, and Mission Statement of Lions Clubs International. I shared my thoughts on our Vision and Mission statements in October, and the first four of our "purposes" or "objects" in November and December/January. This month I want to share the last two of our "purposes" or "objects".

The fifth object is:

TO PROVIDE a forum for the full and free discussion of all matters of public interest, partisan politics and sectarian religion alone excepted.

Providing "a forum for the full and free discussion of all matters of public interest" entails speaking for or against certain ideas, listening to those who agree with you as well as those who do not.

A forum is a place, meeting, or medium where ideas and views on a particular issue can be exchanged. An exchange means we both give and receive.

The fullness of this forum means that all ideas should be explored to their logical extents including their origin and/or end. The freedom of the forum is that all may exchange ideas without fear of reprisal or persecution.

A full and free exchange of all matters of public interest might cause each of us to investigate the wisdom or prudence of the ideas we hold personally. In the end, this can make us stronger if we are willing to approach it with humility and curiosity.

Unfortunately, this concept of a forum for the full and free discussion of ideas is foreign and scary today. We must recover this in our communities for the benefit of our posterity.

The sixth object is:

TO ENCOURAGE efficiency and promote high ethical standards in business and professions, provided that no club shall hold out as one of its objects financial benefits to its members.

There are two primary focus points of this object. The first focus promotes efficiency and high ethical standards. Efficiency and ethical standards seem unrelated at first glance. But, consider that a focus on efficiency alone might tend to violating an ethical standard. Thus, ethical standards are required to balance efficiency from tending toward greed in business relationships.

The second focus further extends the high ethical standards to Lions clubs and their members. Frequently as Lions, we are raising money to help fund our service projects. However, we as Lions must never be lured into benefiting financially as individuals from the fundraising or the service we perform.

Lions give of their time, talents and treasure to further the humanitarian causes of Lions Clubs International in our communities and around the world. We tend to cover reasonable expenses of those serving in certain positions of leadership, so that a lack of treasure does not prevent the giving of time and talents. As such, we must hold those in leadership positions accountable to guard them from reproach.

Finally, I want to encourage all readers of this publication to review the proposed changes to our By Laws, which are included in the digital section of this issue or on the [Iowa Lions website](#). A great deal of effort has been put into the proposed changes, which will require a simple majority approval at the business meeting at the upcoming Iowa Lions State Convention in May.

The Finance, Personnel and Equipment, and Constitution & By Laws committees have worked diligently in concert to make prudent changes for the efficiency of our Lions Clubs of Iowa, to keep dues in check and processes in line with current business practices. We hope to see you in May at the state convention in Ames. Let me here you ROAR!

International Report

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NEWS FLASH from LCI on 2022 International Convention

LCI announced on Feb. 7 that the 2022 International Convention will be available with limited access virtually for a nominal fee to Lions who cannot attend due to travel restrictions. Register now for the in-person Montreal event to reserve your spot. You WILL have the option to transfer your registration to the Virtual Access and be refunded the price difference at a later date.

Virtual attendees will see the live plenary sessions, flag ceremony, and be able to view select seminars after the convention is completed.

Voting in the election will only be in person in Montreal. Watch for more details later from our international headquarters.

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 your club secretary reports the correct, current email address and postal address for every club member. Then all members will receive their international *LION* magazine as well as *The Iowa Lion*.

Ask your district leadership team for help with a virtual meeting for this year's club officer election.

It's District Convention Season

Because the health and safety of our Lions members is of utmost importance, many of our Iowa districts are holding district conventions virtually again this year.

Be sure to participate: REGISTER to attend and VOTE, if you're a certified delegate for your club either by email or USPO. Remember: even if you don't use Zoom on your computer, you can still "dial in" on your telephone to attend.

Get the latest Lions news from the visiting International Director. Make sure that your club participates in the Parade of Checks for the entities we serve! Stay involved, keep the enthusiasm alive in your

club!

Teamwork, Collaboration, Communication, and Positive Attitude = Success. Remember "Together, WE CAN!"

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, or 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 Lions Clubs International's number one global service initiative.

Plan Now for April Worldwide Lions Events

April is Environmental Awareness Month (Earth Day). Plan a park or roadside cleanup and involve your community.

April is also 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 reduced-price dues.

Remember that new member entrance fees are waived through June 30, 2022. Take advantage of this opportunity!

LCIF's Campaign 100 - Have You and Your Club Donated This Year?

In just three months, LCIF's largest fundraising campaign in its 54-year history will close with a huge celebration at the International Convention in Montreal. YOU can be part of history! Help us reach our \$300 million goal. As of Feb. 1, we have reached 84% of our goal. All donation help, no matter how large or small.

LCIF continues to change lives around the globe every day, but we need the help of **EVERY** Lion and their clubs to continue to fund that humanitarian work. Every district in Iowa has received LCIF grant funds. Your LCIF donations truly help here in Iowa. That's how we started Iowa KidSight!

Consider a personal donation to Lions Legacy Society, which counts towards our Campaign 100 goal without a cash outlay right now. Simply complete a Planned Giving Declaration Form advising LCIF of a planned or legacy gift. If desired, confidentiality of gift amounts and donors will be strictly maintained. Contact your district LCIF coordinator with questions or to get donation forms.

Lions Membership is by Invitation Only, So You Have to Ask

*By PDG Doug Welton
MD9 Global Membership Team Coordinator*

Spring is just around the corner, so it is time to get out and bring in the new members. Membership is, of course, the lifeblood of a club and our organization.

Again I ask, 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 (425 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 548 so far this year. These numbers are as of the time of the writing of this article.

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. 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 or their communities.

There is a saying about a Lion where “Some people live an entire lifetime wondering if they’ve made a difference in the world; Lions don’t face that problem.” As Melvin Jones said, “You can’t get very far until you start doing something for somebody else.”

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 ten 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.

It is stated in the Lions Club handbook that each club and district should have a Membership Chairperson. The duty of the person is to develop a plan for the recruitment of new members and the retention of current members, and see that the plan is completed with the help of all members. How are we doing here? Does your club and district have a person assigned with this duty? If not, the leadership needs to see that it happens.

Membership in this organization is by invitation only. If we want it to grow, we need to just **ASK** people to join us for a visit or to help out with our mission. Then convince them to join us. If you do not ask, nothing will happen!

“You miss 100% of the shots you don’t take.” – Wayne Gretzky.

The new member fee of \$35 has been suspended through June 30, 2022. This can be helpful in recruiting new members.

It will take all of us to win the battle we are fighting with 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.

CAMPAIGN 100 Is Quickly Coming To The Finish Line: Can You Help?

By PDG Jim Bixler
MD9 LCIF Coordinator

As of March, Campaign 100 has less than four months left for us to reach our worldwide goal of \$300 million. As of Feb. 11, Lions have achieved 85.2% of the campaign's goal.

MD9 has a cash goal for the campaign of \$1,466,741. We have raised \$742,295 or 50.6% of the goal. Let's see how well we can do in the final push. Up until the pandemic, fundraising was going well. However, as clubs could not get out and fundraise, giving dropped off. LCIF did not hold back but reached out to provide funds to help a need for the first responders and healthcare professionals so they could provide for people in need. It is in this spirit that we ask Iowa Lions to reach down and give to your foundation.

When our association was founded in 1917, things were tough with a world at war and a Spanish flu pandemic. Even so, Lions persevered and gave service to their communities. Since that time, we have grown to be the largest humanitarian service organization.

Unrestricted gifts to LCIF allow us as Lions to provide services in disasters as well as being able to engage in large service projects. Any journey begins

with a step, and to reach such a lofty, but attainable goal, many small steps (i.e. donations) are needed.

If each district during this Lions year should give \$10,000 in unrestricted funds, it will have 15% of those unrestricted funds for projects within your district. District and club community grants program funds must be used within 15 years of when the funds are given. Your individual unrestricted contributions will help your district to do service. A portion of your funds to LCIF will come back to your district.

LCIF looked into the future and saw upcoming needs and expanded our main impact areas. These are areas LCIF empowers our service impact: Disaster Relief, Diabetes, Childhood Cancer, Hunger, Youth, Environment, Vision and Humanitarian endeavors.

So you ask, what can \$100 to LCIF do? LCIF helps Lions change lives! Help us SERVE ALL OUR COMMUNITIES! It's your foundation, please give so you personally can have that feeling in your heart that a life was changed.



WANTED: Lions to Serve

as MD9 Global Service Team (GST), Global Leadership Team (GLT) and Global Membership Team (GMT) Coordinators for the 2022-2023 Lions Year.

Submit your desire to serve in which position by **May 7, 2022** to **CC Bryan Bross** and **CCE Nancy Oehler Love**. A decision will be made at the State Convention Council of Governors meeting.

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

Lions to Vote on Dues Increase at Montreal International Convention

*By Douglas X. Alexander
Lions Clubs International President*

Lions Clubs International supports clubs and members around the world so we can advance our global mission of service together. Our international support and the work of Lions Clubs International is fueled by the international dues of our incredible members.

In recent years, it has become increasingly clear that the services Lions Clubs International has been able to provide to members with the available budget is no longer in line with what Lions need and expect.

The International Board of Directors voted in October 2019 to approve an international dues adjustment resolution that would be voted on at the 2020 International Convention. It was postponed due to the cancellation of our 2020 convention and the move to a virtual convention in 2021 as we adapted to the pandemic. The new dues adjustment model will be voted on at the 2022 International Convention.

The Board of Directors undertook an extensive review of Lions Clubs International's financials, including the implementation of substantial budget reductions. After much consideration, the board proposed to adjust dues \$7 over a three-year period.

Under the proposal, international dues would be adjusted according to the following schedule:

- \$3 increase on July 1, 2023
- \$2 increase on July 1, 2024
- \$2 increase on July 1, 2025

Why an international dues adjustment is needed

We realize the association has been reluctant to adjust dues over the years, and we have not adjusted international dues since 2011. The proposed adjustment will help cover our costs and allow us to suitably serve our members' needs. With that said, the Board of Directors did not take this issue lightly, nor are we minimizing the value of each dollar that our members contribute.

As we consider this dues adjustment, it is essential that we keep in mind that our global efforts and

initiatives support more than 1.4 million members in 50,000 clubs around the world. Through the support of staff, we are able to serve globally on the level that we do, keeping members and clubs fully supported with service resources, training events and software, club operational support, hybrid convention, international meetings, language services, technology, Foundation support, leadership support, and everything else we have come to expect as Lions.

A dues adjustment will allow Lions Clubs International to provide improved support to Lions and to continue to invest in improving programs and digital products such as our website and MyLion. It will also allow us to invest in new programs such as the Learning Management System (LMS), development of new curriculum such as digital literacy, training videos, global advertising, marketing automation, digital and video storytelling and other tools and initiatives that will enhance our impact, our brand, and our membership.

Why your help is needed

Essentially, we have to decide whether or not we want Lions Clubs International to continue to grow and thrive. Lions is more than a way of life. It's also an investment of money, time, energy and passion. As with any good investment, the more we put in, the more returns we see.

We need you to help our members and leaders understand why this adjustment is needed. We have developed an international dues adjustment FAQ and PPT to help you present it to your Lions. If you have any questions on the dues adjustment resolution, please contact LCI Executive Administrator Sanjeev Ahuja.

I hope that you will see this adjustment as we do: as an investment in the future of Lions. Through your support, we can ensure that Lions are positioned for success in the future.

CORRECTION: In the February issue, *The Iowa Lion* mistakenly stated the date that Lion Chris Waring started with the Iowa Lion Hearing Aid Bank. The correct year she started was 2011.

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Membership: “Making the Ask” and Tribute to the Turtle

For two years now, the Membership Committee of Iowa Lions District 9NE has been telling clubs that inviting a guest to a meeting should be the start of a membership drive. Data from a four-year longitudinal research study – conducted by the Cedar Falls Lions Club – revealed that for every four guests brought to a meeting, one will become a member.

Hence, “making the ask” is where a membership campaign starts. “Making the ask” for a friend, neighbor or peer to attend a meeting is uncomfortable, even for extroverts, but it is necessary. Once a guest has attended a meeting, asking them to attend another meeting and/or having them get involved in one of the club’s service projects is paramount. Then, “making the ask” of the guest to become a member is proper and will most likely be successful.

Regarding “making the ask,” the membership committee’s adage they extend to all Lions Clubs in their pursuit of guests and new members is as follows: **“Behold the turtle: it ONLY makes progress by sticking its neck out.”**

Share Your Membership Success Story

Every Lions Club in District 9NE has a membership campaign success story, whether it occurred five years ago or five days ago. I ask each Lions club president designate one person in their club (e.g., secretary, membership chair, treasurer, etc.) to document the details of their best membership campaign or membership drive story and send it to Lion Steve Corbin, Lions District 9NE Membership Committee chair, at steven.b.corbin@gmail.com. In turn, Steve will compile the “who did what, when, where and how” stories and share them with club leaders in District 9NE.

As a result of this compilation effort, leaders should be able to select at least one suggestion – if not more – and give-it-a-try.

Thanks in advance for your involvement in this collaborative effort.

New Voices

Recipients of the New Voices program for 2022 in the 9NE Lions/Leos District have been selected.

Those chosen will be honored at our 9NE Celebration of Achievement event on May 14 at Camp EWALU near Strawberry Point.

- **Marketing** – Leo Grant Paulsch from the Denver Leo Club.
- **Service** – Lion Jan Madson from the Hudson Lions Club.
- **Membership** – Lion Steven Corbin from the Cedar Falls Lions Club
- **Leadership** – Lion John Quin III from the Waverly Lions Club.

Congratulations!



Paulsch



Madson



Corbin



Quin

Reminder to All Lions Clubs

It is the time of year to hold your club officer elections and then submit the results to Lions Clubs International (LCI) **by MAY 1**. Remember, when submitting your new officers, all of their contact information is needed – name, mailing address, phone number, e-mail address, etc. Officers that should be submitted include president, secretary, treasurer, membership chair, service chair, LCIF chair, vice presidents, and others as you may have them.

You must submit the officers every year, even if they haven’t changed, in order to keep connection with MyLCI.

If you need assistance, you may contact PDG Ed Ottesen at eaohome@mchsi.com or Lion Kathy Duke at kathyned@cfu.net. Thank you all for handling this very important task.

In Memoriam

We are sorry for the loss of these dedicated Lions.

Club	Member
Blairstown	James E Stewart
Dubuque Noon	Allen D. Harves
Independence	James E. Rozendaal

We Welcome New Members

Club	Member	Sponsor
Cedar Falls	Susan Whitson	Dave Deaver
Dubuque Noon	Greg Stephenson	Karin Stephenson
Fredericksburg	Bryce Warnke	Bill Meyer
Garnavillo	Patricia Ann Johnson	Andrew Johnson
Independence	David Frisch	Zach Boss
Van Horne	Cindy Schoenfelder	Luella Albers
Vinton	Leon Whelchel	Jerry Blank

Club Activities

CEDAR FALLS assisted at the Hearst Center for the Arts Poetry OutLoud event; trained Hudson Lions to perform eye screenings; served as an Honor Guard at military funerals; filled backpacks at the food bank.

DUBUQUE EVENING donated 620 pairs of eyeglasses.

FREDRICKSBURG hosted the semi-annual American Red Cross Blood Drive.

HAWKEYE held a soup dinner which also included Maid-Rites, bars, ice cream and drinks.

VAN HORNE participated in a can and bottle collection and held a Bingo Get-Together.



MANY THANKS. Cedar Falls Lions present a Warren Coleman Award to Dan Deery Toyota for their contribution to the Iowa Lions Foundation and as a sponsor of the club's 2021 Fall Golf Tournament. Pictured (L-R) are Lion Perry Krieger, Lion Mark Miller, D.J. Deery, 1st Vice District Governor Dale Schrad.

District 9NE Celebration of Achievement

The 9NE Lions District 2022 Celebration of Achievement will be held at Camp EWALU near Strawberry Point on May 14. The theme will be "The Environment – Our Life Source."

The proposed schedule for the event:

10:00 a.m. – Cabinet Meeting (All Welcome)

11:30 a.m. – Memorial Service

Noon – Luncheon Program

- "The Environment – Our Life Source"
- Past District Governors – Thank You
- Year-End 'Parade of Checks' (foundations, Leader Dog, Care & Share, etc.)
- Celebration of Achievement Recognitions
- Closing Comments

See the registration form on Page 25 of this issue.

2021-2022 9NE LIONS DISTRICT RECOGNITIONS

The following recognitions may be nominated by Lions Clubs and/or Lions in District 9NE by sending the name and reasoning for the nomination to District Governor Stephen Becker *by April 1, 2022.*

These awards will be presented at the District 9NE Celebration of Achievement event on May 14 at Camp EWALU near Strawberry Point.

- Lion of the Year
- Outstanding Club Membership Chair
- Outstanding Club President
- Outstanding Club Service Chair
- Outstanding Club Secretary
- Outstanding Club LCIF Chair
- Outstanding Club Treasurer
- Outstanding New Lion (member less than one year)
- Outstanding Senior Lion (member more than 50 years)
- Leo of the Year
- Outstanding Leo President
- Outstanding Leo Secretary
- Outstanding Leo Treasurer
- Outstanding Leo Advisor
- Outstanding Leo Lions Club Advisor

Your 9NE Lions Leadership looks forward to many nominations and much participation.

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District Convention

The 9MC District Convention will be March 26, via Zoom from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Our international guest will be International Director Ernesto "TJ" Tijerina from San Antonio, Texas.

9MC District Elections will be held at the convention. The club secretaries will receive an email on certifying delegates for voting in the election. Voting delegates must be registered for and participating in the convention. At present the candidates are:

District Governor: David Coates

First Vice District Governor: Jimmy Bacon

Second Vice District Governor: Your Name could be here

Iowa Lions Foundation Trustee: Zane Vokes

Editorial Board Representative: Carolyn Wilkins

Lions District 9MC Convention Agenda

- 9:00 Opening
- 9:10 Introduction of International Director Ernesto "TJ" Tijerina and wife Juanita
- 9:20 Membership Recruitment - ID TJ Tijerina
- 9:40 Iowa Lions Foundation, LCIF and Care & Share - PCC Judy Stone & John Kerber
- 10:00 KidSight - Lori Short
- 10:15 Iowa Lions Eye Bank - Esther Baker
- 10:30 Cornea Tissue Transport - Steve Halstead
- 10:40 Iowa Lions Youth Camp - PDG Charlotte Miller
- 10:50 Council Chair- Brian Bross
- 11:00 Constitution & By-Laws - PID Gary Fry
- 11:10 Keynote Address - ID Ernesto Tijerina
- 11:45 Gifts and Awards
- 12:00 Business Meeting
 - a. Roll Call - Janice Carpenter
 - b. Elections - PCC Bill Pollard
- 1:00 Memorial Service - PCC James Louk
- 1:30 Closing

We Serve from the Heart

AMES BREAKFAST celebrated the clubs 20th anniversary; promoted the benefits of service and therapy dogs with a program in the schools; developed a program with the Ames Campus Club to interact with Ames school children and their families with the Retrieving Freedom puppies the college students are training.

BONDURANT donated \$1,000 for vision therapy for a young man; donated 52 dozen eggs to the local food pantry; transported cornea tissue to the Iowa Lions Eye Bank.

DES MOINES SOUTH collected 300 pairs of used eyeglasses; visited members in extended care facilities.

MARSHALLTOWN EVENING donated \$250 to the Animal Rescue League; provided hearing aid molds for two individuals; provided eyeglasses to two individuals; popped and sold popcorn at Hy-Vee all Saturdays in January; delivered Meals on Wheels to seniors, collected used hearing aids and recycled used eyeglasses.

URBANDALE packed 40 boxes of food and delivered them to food insecure families for UCAN; packed 30 boxes of food and delivered them to Metro West High School student families for UCAN; transported cornea tissue for the Iowa Lions Eye Bank.



PROGRESSIVE AWARD. Past International Director Gary Fry presents a Warren Coleman Progressive Award to Urbandale Lions Club President James Epstein at the club's 75th anniversary celebration.

In Memoriam

PDG Dennis Crabtree – Altoona

Jeannie Boettcher – Kellogg

Rick Peterson Sr. – Marshalltown Evening

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHT

Prairie City Lions Club

The Prairie City Lions Club was chartered on December 19, 1950 with 73 charter members. The club was sponsored by the Newton Lions Club. Two members of the club, Joe Williams and Gene Vande Lune, have served as district governors.

The club grew to 80 members in 1953 and enjoyed 70% attendance at their meetings. The club sponsored and organized a club in Colfax in 1952 and a club in Melcher in 1954.

The club funded the refurbishing of the lighting at the community ball field in the 1950s. They also donated \$885 to the high school band uniform fund. During this time period, they guaranteed \$500 to support the Prairie City Centennial Celebration and paid for a new sound system in the school's gymnasium. They also purchased 15 new uniforms for the city's Babe Ruth Little League team.

During the '60s and '70s, the Prairie City Lions Club made contributions to the town's Blue Birds, Boy Scouts and ambulance fund. They constructed and paid \$6,700 for shelter houses and paving rock at the city's park.

During more recent years, Prairie City Lions have contributed funds to support the purchase of Jaws of Life for the city's fire department. They have donated to Camp Courageous, Leader Dogs, a new city ambulance, Lions Youth Exchange, Iowa Lions Foundation and Lions Clubs International Foundation. The Prairie City Lions Club contributed \$25,000 toward the construction of Prairie City's new sports complex and \$23,000 to establish Lions Scholarships for Prairie City-Monroe graduating seniors. They've designed, built and donated \$50,000 toward a Veterans Memorial; helped refurbish the city's Historical Building, built a new concrete stage in the city park and constructed an additional shelter house in the city park.

Other recent fundraising activities have included bringing a circus to Prairie City twice during the past few years. The club serves a monthly breakfast for the community on the last Saturday of the month September through March. The profit from these breakfasts are donated to local organizations that include PCM Food Bank, Prairie City Library, Prairie City-Monroe High School trap shooting team, Prairie City Little League, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts.

Since 1952, the Prairie City Lions Club has taken over the responsibility of purchasing, maintaining and the annual installation and removal of the town's Christmas Decorations.

Prairie City Lions Club celebrated their 70th anniversary during December 2020.

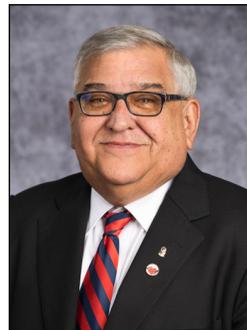
Welcome New Members

Member	Club	Sponsor
Roger Peters	Dysart	Drew Hennings
Darcy Sherwood	Dysart	Shery Lyons
Mike Wieben	Dysart	Kevin Lassen
Michelle Drummer	Marshalltown Eve.	Debra Lang
Amerist Chambers	Mitchellville	Hazel Fricke
Tony Chambers	Mitchellville	Hazel Fricke
Ellen Heather	Mitchellville	Trish Loeb
Gregory Townley	Prairie City	Gene Vande Lune
Janet Townley	Prairie City	Gene Vande Lune

9MC DISTRICT CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Saturday, March 26, 2022

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. VIA ZOOM



With Special Guest
International Director
**Ernesto "TJ"
Tijerina**
from
San Antonio, Texas

NAME

E-MAIL

CLUB

DISTRICT

DELEGATE YES / NO

The 9MC Convention will be via ZOOM so there is no charge. Info to join the meeting will be sent on or about March 20, 2022.

E-mail registration information to 9MC Treasurer Janice Carpenter at newton50208@yahoo.com or send this form via U.S. Mail to:

Janice Carpenter
1220 N 35th Ave. W
Newton, IA 50208

District 9SE

District Governor

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Greetings, Fellow Lions!

It's March, and the question is this: Will March come in like a Lion and go out like a lamb? I hope for the former, as we take time this month to celebrate service.

I recently received the Monarch Chevron Awards for years of service. It is my great joy to travel around in the district to present them to our faithful Lions. There have also been a number of Warren Coleman and Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards presented in various clubs, as well. Don't forget, a \$1,000 donation to either the Iowa Lions Foundation or LCIF gives you access to one of these awards. Check with Trustee Nancy Slack for more information.

We are still without a second vice district governor candidate for next year. We are looking for a Lion who has served one year as club president and one year as zone chair to step up to the plate and take on this awesome responsibility. Don't worry about being trained for the job as we have Lions who are trained just to train you. I think that you would find it a great joy to serve your district in this capacity. If someone asks you to serve on the 2022-2023 cabinet as zone chair or in another capacity, please think seriously about saying a resounding "Yes!" There is also an opening for a two-year term as an Iowa Lions Trustee.

Our district convention this year is going virtual. We made that decision with the movement of COVID in the area to keep everyone safe. We will be meeting by Zoom on April 9 from 9 a.m.-noon with Council Chair Bryan Bross speaking about the redistricting plan for MD9 and changes in the state office. Ashley Dockendorf from the Iowa Lions Eye Bank will also tell us where they are celebrating 65 years of service.

It is our pleasure to welcome International Director Deb Weaverling from Basehor, Kansas. She was elected to serve a two-year term as international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 103rd International Convention in June 2021. She has been a member of the Leavenworth Lions Club since first joining in 1998. She has held a number of offices with the association including zone chair, district governor, LCIF district coordinator, district GLT coordinator and

multiple district council chairperson. Her service is defined by her desire to serve her community and "to give back and pay it forward." In recognition of her service, she has received numerous awards including an International President's Leadership Award, an International President's Award, and has been honored by her club as an MD 17 Claude M. DeVorss Fellow. Director Weaverling is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

Be sure to take a look at our Lions 9SE Facebook page where our items for the silent auction will be displayed beginning in mid-March. Bid generously! See you April 9 on Zoom!



MONARCH CHEVRON AWARDS. (Top left photo) Iowa City Lions Jeff Rudolph, Susie Brown, PID Del Brown, Doug Busch and PDG Donna Olson receive Monarch Chevron Awards for service. (Top right photo) Columbus Junction Lions receive Monarch Chevron Awards. Pictured from left are Council Chair Elect Nancy Love with Lions Dorothy Orr, Earlene Lekwa and Don Orr. (Below photo) CCE Nancy Love (right) presents a 50-year Charter Monarch Chevron Award to West Burlington Lion PDG Bob Housewright.



Club Service Activities

Reported on MyLCI from Jan. 9, 2022 - Feb. 8, 2022

CORYDON delivered Meals on Wheels; collected scrap metal.

FORT MADISON donated to Iowa Lions Youth Exchange, LCIF, Leader Dogs, Camp Hertko Hollow, 9SE Care and Share and Camp Courageous.

GRANDVIEW-LETTS held a soup supper.

MELCHER-DALLAS provided aid to a family; gave a donation to LCIF; made quilts; did KidSight screenings; helped the food pantry; provided transportation to chemo treatment.

OTTUMWA NOON donated to LCIF and the Iowa Lions Foundation.

VICTOR conducted a preschool vision screening; volunteered at HLV Food Bank; helped with eyeglasses.



WAYLAND LIONS. (Above photo) Wayland Lions inducted two new members. Pictured (L-R) are President Braden Blake who sponsored new member Theresa Ferdig, CCE Nancy Love, new member Sid Brooks and his sponsor Lion Ron Marsh. (Below photo) Nancy Love presents Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards to Wayland Lions Robert Meyer, Bill Grimm and Randy Morrow.



9SE DISTRICT CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Saturday, April 9, 2022

9:00 a.m.-noon VIA ZOOM

There is no charge for this virtual event.

NAME _____

E-MAIL _____

CLUB _____

DISTRICT _____

E-mail registration to Lions9SE@hotmail.com

or send this form via U.S. Mail to:

PDG Debbie Doty

PO Box 251

University Park IA 52595

A Zoom meeting link will be sent out to registrants around April 5, 2022.

Welcome New Members

Member	Club	Sponsor
Madge M. Clark	Stockport	Matthew Brown

IN MEMORIAM

Member	Club	Years a Lion
Jerome Van Den Heuvel	Fremont	38 years
Cortie J Rolison Jr.	Ottumwa Eve.	32 years



WARREN COLEMAN AWARD. First Vice District Governor Mike Renken presents a Warren Coleman Honorary Award to Grandview-Letts Lion Kevin Schlutz.

District 9EC

District Governor

Paul Fugate

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Mount Vernon, IA 52314

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REGISTRATION FORM

9EC DISTRICT CONVENTION

March 19, 2022 • 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Mount Vernon High School

731 Palisades Rd SW, Mt Vernon, IA 52314

Friday Night Social, March 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Mount Vernon Creates, 121 1st St. NW

NAME

CLUB

ADDRESS

CITY/STATE/ZIP

___ Saturday Convention \$25

___ Friday Night Social \$30

___ Package Deal \$55 (\$45 before Feb. 15)

Make checks payable to **Mt. Vernon Lions Club**
and mail to:

Lion James Baty
402 1st Ave SE
Mount Vernon, IA 52314

or register online at

<https://www.mvialions.org/district-convention.html>

Hotel Accommodations at Sleep Inn

310 Virgil Ave., Mount Vernon
\$75 plus tax, (319) 895-0055

Hello from Mt. Vernon, Iowa!

I cannot believe it is March already! Wow, has time flown by this year!

I thought for my March article I would give an update on the status of our district and the goals we established at the beginning of the year!

First off, I just want to say that the clubs have been doing a fantastic job of getting new members into our association. As of Feb. 10, we have added 90 new members into our district, which is the most added by a district in Iowa!

We are also sitting at a positive membership of 31 for the year! The goal this year is to get above 1,250 members to make us a viable district. I am happy to report that we are only five new members away from doing that! We can see the light at the end of the tunnel with four months left to go in the Lions year!

On the service side of things, we have already passed our numbers from last year and are on pace to break a record for people served in our district.

- 38 out of our 43 clubs have reported on MyLion for the year
- 654 projects reported
- 20,537 volunteer hours
- 159,965 people served

What an amazing accomplishment! Everyone deserves a pat on the back for all the service you are doing in your clubs!

This does not mean that we should rest on our accomplishments. We need to finish out the year strong! I know if we put our best effort forward that we will have a successful year as Lions!

I hope to see you at the district convention on Saturday, March 19. It is going to be a great time!

New Members

Member	Club	Sponsor
Tiffany Day	Anamosa	Charter
Kandi Mcelroy	Anamosa	Charter
Forest Brland	Bettendorf	Robert Miller
Dwight Dohlman	Low Moor	Jerome Burken
Sherry Willey	Tipton	Ronald Hills
Tanner Cook	Walker	Gail Neumeyer
Kyle Glenn	Walker	Gail Neumeyer
Lisa Corr	West Branch	Andrew Corr
Travis Dvorak	West Branch	Gregory Humrichouse
Jeanne Goche-Horihan	West Branch	Michael Quinlan
Michael D Horihan	West Branch	Michael Quinlan

Club Activities

CEDAR RAPIDS NOON made a donation to the food pantry; conducted a KidSight screening; helped with eyeglass fittings for adults.

ELDRIGE held a game night with seniors; relayed eye tissue; collected food for the pantry; delivered Milestones Meals; prepared Blessing Boxes.

LOWDEN did KidSight screenings; held a soup luncheon; held a blood drive.

STANWOOD conducted Kidsight screenings.



REGION-WIDE SERVICE.

The clubs in District 9EC's Region 1 got together on Saturday, Jan. 29, for a service project at Riverbend Food Bank's Northpark Mall site. This site is the headquarters for the Riverbend backpack program, which serves 23 counties. There were two shifts that assembled backpacks for food insecure children. Twenty-six volunteers packed 214 boxes (over 4 pallets). This will provide 7,704 meals for children. Clubs represented were Eldridge, Davenport Breakfast, Davenport Village, Blue Grass and Bettendorf.

District 9NW

No District Governor
at this time

This month's newsletter
prepared by
Past District Governor
Dale Schoening



Your District Needs You!

By the time you read this, we will be less than a month from our virtual district convention, which will be held on Zoom on Thursday, March 31, from 7-8:30 p.m.

I want to focus in this article on the fact that one of the things happening at that convention will be another district election. We anticipate electing Jim Gill, who stepped up to be first vice district governor midway through the current club year, to become district governor effective July 1 for the 2022-23 Lions year. Jim is preparing in earnest to take the reins and have a great year. We need to do all we can to help that happen.

But, Lions of 9NW, what happens after Jim finishes his term? As I write this, we have no candidates for first or second vice district governor. In our usual order of succession, one spends a year as second vice district governor, one year as first vice district governor, and then one year as district governor. Even as a vice district governor, one is a part of the district governor team and helps the district governor in performing his/her duties, including making club visits.

If we don't elect any vice district governors, we will have no one in place to succeed Jim when his term ends. That would put us right back in the situation we have now, where we have no district governor. This situation is not considered acceptable by Lions Clubs International. Since the district governor sets the direction for the district, we have been left with a lack of direction. It also leaves us with no vote on the Council of Governors at the state level. Our current structure of a task force of five past district governors has kept the district functioning, but not at the level we need to be.

We need you to step up! We need committed Lions to step up to be zone chairs, to be responsible for supporting and encouraging a few clubs in your area of the district. We need additional committed Lions to take positions on the district cabinet. These positions are prerequisite in most cases to entering the district governor pipeline, because you will learn things about Lions that will help you as you move into higher leadership positions. We also have immediate need for

vice district governors. There are ways we can make adjustments to help the right people step forward, if we need to.

We also cannot depend on past district governors to come back to be district governor again. The Lions International Board of Directors has recently implemented a policy allowing a district governor to serve in that office only once, allowing exceptions only as a last resort. In addition, our district does not have a lot of PDGs to choose from; and most of us who are PDGs are either unwilling or unable to be DG again.

Some of you may think it costs a lot of money to be a district governor. This is not accurate. The vast majority of your expenses are covered. Lions Clubs International reimburses DGs for their mileage for club visits and some other meetings and for meal and lodging expenses within reason. LCI also provides your training to be DG free of charge and pays for your travel and lodging to International Convention when you are installed as district governor. Your district also pays for some of your expenses, including required clothing.

Serving as a district governor can be a rewarding experience. One can make connections and friendships with Lions beyond your local club that will last long after your term ends. Attending an International Convention to be installed as district governor gave me a much larger appreciation for the global scope of our organization. I particularly enjoyed visiting clubs and learning about the variety of wonderful service being done in their communities. I also enjoyed learning more about the service that we do together as districts, at the state level, and through Lions Clubs International, including through our Iowa Lions Foundation and Lions Clubs International Foundation.

We are a small district from a numerical standpoint. But I know there are many Lions among us with big hearts and with the ability to lead. We can't afford to pass the buck and hope somebody else will step up. That somebody who needs to step up is you. Please give this your serious consideration, and get in touch with PDGs Cliff Weldon, Glenn Markley, Stefan Sandberg, Roger Curtis, or myself, or with District Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer Ray Ohlinger or our Coordinating Lion appointed by Lions Clubs International, Past Council Chair Terry Durham. Let's visit about the possibilities.

In addition, we need to elect a Lion from our district to serve a two-year term as a trustee for the Iowa Lions Foundation, as my term will be ending. Any Lion from our district is eligible for election. A background in business, finance, or investing can be helpful to serve in this position, but is not required. The trustees guide

the work of the Iowa Lions Foundation, promote the Iowa Lions Foundation to our clubs for the purpose of raising funds from them, and distribute the funds raised to the entities we support. Those entities include Iowa KidSight, the Iowa Lions Eye Bank, the Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank, the Cochlear Implant Center, and our efforts in recycling eyeglasses. Each trustee relates to one of the entities. I have learned a great deal about the work of the Foundation and these entities in the past two years, and I believe you will, too. Most of our meetings are being held on Zoom, which makes attendance much easier. Contact me or our other trustee, PDG Roger Curtis, for more information. PDG Roger Curtis has one more year left on his term as trustee.

Leadership is also service. District 9NW NEEDS YOU to serve in this way.



WELCOME TO LIONS. Akron Lion Connie Blake (right) presents new member Jake Newborg, whom she sponsored, with his membership card as Club President Heath Lee (left) inducts him into the Akron Lions Club.



ORANGE CITY PANCAKES. Orange City Lions held its annual pancake fundraiser Jan. 21. (Above L-R) Lions Dave Mulder, Russ Adams and Ron Sanson have fun while taking tickets. (Below) The Maurice-Orange City-Floyd Valley Honor Society, who helped serve pancakes, along with Chris Cakes, the pancake guy.



We Welcome Our New Members

CLUB	MEMBER	SPONSOR
Akron	Jake Newborg	Connie Blake
Everly	Sarah Launderville	Lori Walton
Fort Dodge Eve.	Ronald Klasse	Bill Oberhelman
Fort Dodge Eve.	Carole Walrod	Bill Oberhelman
Ogden	Mike Anderson	Doug Stumbo
Ogden	Tom Hollinshead	Douglas Lau

Club Activities

BOONE held a successful pancake fundraiser, raising over \$3,000.

CHURDAN delivered meals on wheels every week. Held a pancake supper at the Paton-Churdan basketball game and netted \$700. Donated \$100 to a needy family.

FORT DODGE: Under Iowa KidSight Coordinator Steve Rehmann's leadership, The Noon Club and the Evening Club collaborated and screened 1,006 children in Iowa KidSight.

HARTLEY held a successful fundraiser for the City Pool and will be hosting the big quad-club meet on March 17. The clubs from Hartley, Everly, Royal and Peterson will participate.

DECEASED MEMBERS

Club	Member	Years a Lion
Fort Dodge Eve.	Dennis Lee Steib	37 year

District 9SW

District Governor
Allen Zobel

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Audubon, Iowa 50025

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Reporting Club Service Activities

With just four months left on my term, 9SW is making headway toward my goals, except for starting another club and increased membership. 9SW District Administrator Juanita Reynard is informing MyLion support of problems as she discovers them. The most surprising is that neither Juanita nor I are able to see all the inputs of our clubs using the SEARCH tool. The MyLion metrics are not giving full credit to many of the clubs' entries. She first discovered while helping the Harlan Lions Club (and later Perry and Norwalk) that none of the activities she entered were available for her to display. She contacted LCI Support (630-468-7000) and talked to Karen and Keandrea at MyLion support. They are now pushing the developers to correct this problem. It appears all the data is stored correctly, because it is viewable in the full 9SW display of clubs, but the SEARCH function is not working correctly.

In visiting Norwalk, 9SW Iowa Lion Trustee Michele Sparks approached me to ask why their events were not being put in MyLion. I had my computer with me for the meeting and was able to go online to show her that I only could see three events reported and no more.

I have written several texts, emails and more to secretaries that I "thought" were not using MyLion to report their activities. Now, I am sure many clubs are entering their input but it is not showing up for District Governor and others. I also know that some clubs, out of frustration in trying to navigate the MyLion problems, have just plain quit. If you are one of these, reach out to Juanita for help.

In four weeks, Juanita Reynard has identified and sent numerous screen shots to MyLion to document the problems. Hopefully it will get some resolution for all of us.

Another item she discovered is when you upload a photo to MyLion activities, MyLion forces the image to fill their frame, thus ignoring the proportions of length to width ratio of the submitted photo. So if you input an image that is not 2 units high and 3 units wide to fit their box, the photo is stretched out of shape.

I salute her great effort and the knowledge she has about beta testing programs from her past career. What an ASSET to 9SW, and possibly all Lions, if these things are looked at by the LCI developers and corrected.

As of today 9SW is closing in on 80% of our clubs reporting on MyLion. She is reaching out to more clubs every day to help the secretaries and service chairs accomplish their jobs for their clubs on MyLion Activity reporting. More to come.

What really are our totals without Norwalk, Harlan and Perry (and maybe more clubs) that are not included in the metrics that MyLion reports to me? Here they are.

People Served	119,240
Service Activities Completed	774
Volunteer Hours	10,229
Funds Donated	\$90,614
Funds Raised	\$117,892

From our latest findings, I am not sure just how accurate this is according to "lost data" from those clubs. I am sure the data is recorded, but not available for me to review and use. I believe this is not a 9SW problem, but may be multi-district throughout MyLion. We can only wait and see what MyLion developers can do to correct this problem of selecting all the activities to be used in the metrics.

Membership Push

Membership in 9SW since October has been going down. With a goal of 55 planned new membership for 9SW and our current membership at minus 23 as of February 14, 9SW needs to find new members.

Since October when we were a plus 16, 9SW Lions clubs have added very few members and dropped many in good standing. We need to change the direction and start to "ask everyone." One Lion can make that difference in your club. I have added over 57 members, maybe closer to 70 members, since 2014. Very few of them are from when I started the two clubs. Most of those are members of my own club and a result of my asking others to join me in Lion events.

9SW Welcomes New Members

Club	Member	Sponsor
Council Bluffs	Julie Powell	Janie Summers
Indianola Noon	Loren Meyer	Allen Read
Leon	Sam Wengryn	Elizabeth Schmidt
Neola	Andrew Morse	Roberta Morse
Neola	Roycel Morse	Roberta Morse
St. Charles	Gabe Smith	Tim Porter

Club Excellence Awards

Lions, there are members to be found in every club's area. Every club should set a goal to get the "IN IT TO WIN IT" Club Excellence Award. There are five things your club needs to do to enter:

1. **Give to Lions Club International Foundation.** Last year 100% of our clubs did and we are on the way to doing it again,
2. Make your club visible by using media. That is either Facebook page, a brochure to hand out, having articles in the paper, or all three.
3. Do three service projects and make sure they are on MyLion.
4. At least one officer participates in training, either in person or on the LCI site with "LEARN." For help, ask your district governor or Global Leader Team chair for 9SW, PID Ardie Klemish.
5. This may be the hardest to attain: we need a positive growth by the end of our Lion year on June 30.

[Download the Club Excellence Award form](#) from LCI and send to the immediate past governor. They will verify your information and send it on. All clubs in MD9 and in 9SW should take on the the Club Excellence Award. Take a look at your own club. See how many of these you have done. Then in the next four months, finish the things you need to do to get this award. It comes with a patch for your banner and a pin for your president leading his/her club to win it.



THANKS FOR THE FUN. Neola Lions Bill Ambrose, Barb Farley and Jerry Farley are thanked by Mrs. Fah's class at Tri-Center Schools for delivery of 10 sleds. Neola Lions have been donating sleds to the school district for the past six years. They are for anyone in the district to use during a snowfall.



MIPPA AWARD. Lion Lou Hoger of Perry, the Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) volunteer counselor at the Dallas County Hospital, was recognized in October 2021 for his exceptional service to the retired population of Perry and Dallas County by receiving the 2020 Best in State MIPPA Award.

Photo courtesy Dallas County Hospital

9SW Club Activities

ADEL held a Cub Scout Pinewood Derby; did KidSight screenings.

AUDUBON ran a Coaches vs Cancer event; did an Appreciate Health Care Workers Totes for elementary students.

ATLANTIC held a Christmas party for Lions.

EXIRA donated to After Prom and Prom; held a Scholarship Valentine Dinner; participated in a blood drive.

GLENWOOD volunteered multiple days at the food pantry; donated to Tori's Angels Foundation, KidSight and Relay for Life; gave financial assistance to a fire victim in Malvern; helped purchase large print books for the library.

HARLAN donated to Leader Dog, LCIF and Iowa Lions Foundation.

INDIANOLA EVENING did a KidSight screening.

INDIANOLA NOON donated to Iowa Lions Foundation and LCIF.

LORIMOR held a Christmas Light contest; donated to the food pantry.

MASSENA donated blood; ran a concession stand at school basketball games.

MILO collaborated on bike trail completion.

MISSOURI VALLEY counted the Can Kennel.

NEOLA built a handicap ramp for elderly; counted cans at the Can Kennel.

NORWALK made gifts for the senior citizen center; did KidSight screenings; held its Shrimp, Steak & Lobster Dinner; helped with congregate meals,

REDFIELD donated to WCV After Prom, Iowa Lions Foundation, Tori's Angels Foundation, American Heart Association and Timber Creek Therapies; made up snack packs.

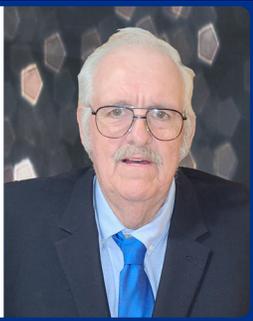
District 9NC

District Governor
Stan Johnson

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Official Club Visits

Since becoming district governor, I have visited or I am scheduled to visit the Allison, Charles City, Eagle Grove, Humbolt, Lake Mills, Marble Rock, Mason City, Northwood, Osage, Parkersburg, Rockford, Rowan, and Stanhope clubs. First VDG Mike Ravera has made several official visits, as well.

I would appreciate an email or call with a suggested date for an official club visit from the remaining clubs in 9NC.

9NC District Convention

The 9NC District Convention will be held on Saturday, April 2, at the Rockwell Community Center located at 219 East Main Street in Rockwell. Registration begins at 8 a.m., the cabinet meeting at 8:30 a.m., and the convention at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be served. The registration fee is \$25. See the registration form on the next page.

Grant to Rudd Public Library

The District 9NC Cabinet awarded a \$5,000 grant to the Rudd Public Library to assist with rebuilding efforts.

The Library was destroyed by an F-1 tornado on Dec. 15. A GoFundMe page exists for Lions who wish to donate to the library's rebuilding effort as individuals.

Attention Club Secretaries

As of Jan. 31, club secretaries of the following clubs have not recorded their 2021-2022 club officers in the MyLCI app: Burt, Dows, Eldora, Manly, and Marble Rock.

District 9NC Membership

7/1/2021-1/31/2022

Opening Balance	864
Added Members	51
Dropped Members	40 (includes 16 deceased members)
Dropped Club	15 (Jewell discontinued previous fiscal year)
Closing Balance	860

January Club Activities

CLEAR LAKE EVENING operated the popcorn stand at the Surf Ballroom as a fundraiser and conducted vision screenings for young children.

EAGLE GROVE distributed boxes of food to people in need.

HAMPTON delivered Meals on Wheels.

IOWA FALLS donated pork loins, granola bars, Crispex cereal, and more to Salt and Light Outreach Ministries.

NEW HARTFORD made donations to Camp Courageous, Iowa Lions Foundation, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Lions Clubs International Foundation, Multiple District 9NC Care and Share, New Hartford Ambulance, New Hartford Community Building, and Packwaukee Park Splash Pad.

NORTHWOOD delivered Meals on Wheels; volunteered at the Northwood Theatre selling tickets and operating the concessions stand; joined forces with the Worth County Sheriff's Department to bring Life Serve Blood Center to the Northwood VFW. LifeServe made a financial donation to C.O.P.S. (Concerns of Police Survivors).

SHEFFIELD sponsored Dad's Belgian Waffles as a fundraiser for local projects and student scholarships.

WILLIAMS hosted bingo as a fundraiser to purchase classroom supplies for NEH Elementary School.



LION OF THE YEAR. New Hartford Lions Club President Kenny Thompson, right, presents the 2021 Lion of the Year award to Lion Dennis Canfield.

WE ARE SORRY FOR THE LOSS OF THESE DEDICATED LIONS

Club	Member	Years a Lion
Algona	Ted Herbst	70 years
Clear Lake	Larry Schroeder	57 years



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SUPPLIES. The Clear Lake Evening Lions Club recently donated \$1,200 worth of emergency medical supplies to fully equip the 16 officers of the Clear Lake Police Department. Pictured from left, are Officer Dean Anderson, Capt. Mike Colby, Dispatcher Brandon Doron, Clear Lake Evening Lions President Chris Wagler, Officer Zach Hall, and Lt. Deb Ryg.

We Welcome New Members

CLUB	MEMBER	SPONSOR
Algona	Meredith M Nelson	Bahne Struecker
Clear Lake Noon	Gene Evans	John Scholbohm
Clear Lake Noon	Douglas Marty	Kenneth Chizek
Rowan	Terri L Avery	Annie Avery



NEW MEMBERS. District Governor Stanley Johnson installs new members into the Osage Lions Club. Pictured (from left) sponsor Rona Johnson, Marjean Biederman, DG Johnson, Brenda Miller, sponsor Cheryl Gast, and Ruth Degroff.

REGISTRATION FORM 9NC DISTRICT CONVENTION

Saturday, April 2, 2022
Rockwell Community Center
219 E Main St, Rockwell, Iowa

\$25 registration (includes coffee, rolls & lunch)

Registration 8:00 a.m.

Cabinet Meeting 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Convention 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

RSVP by March 18, 2022 to:

Lion Dixie Scherff
1749 Hillcrest Dr
Mason City, IA 50401

Club Affiliation: _____

Contact Phone: _____

PARTICIPANTS NAMES:

— Bring Your Club Banner to Display —

— SERVICE PROJECT —
Bring plastic sacks to recycle

Convention Highlights

- Presentations on Diabetes, Hunger, Vision & Hearing • Parade of Checks • Luncheon address by International Guest Ken Ibarra • 2022-2023 9NC District Officers Elections (*be sure your club dues are paid up-to-date at least 15 days prior to convention*)
- **SPECIAL EVENT:** Dinner to welcome International Guest Ken Ibarra & Partner in Service Amy Fink, Friday, Apr 1, 6:30 p.m. at Lakeview Room, 10 N Lakeview Dr, Clear Lake, Iowa 50428 **\$15.00 each**
- **Hotel Accommodations at AmericInn**
1406 N 25th St., Clear Lake, Iowa 50428
Block under Lions Convention – \$102.60 plus tax, make reservations before March 2

HELP WANTED

The Lions Clubs of Iowa has openings for the following positions to assist in running the state office. If interested in filling any of these positions, please submit letters of interest, resumes and references to Council Chair Bryan Bross at bbross@iowalions.org **no later than March 31, 2022.**

MD9 Council Secretary – Volunteer Lion (work as needed) – Includes Expense Allotment

In this role, the successful candidate will be responsible for recording minutes of Council and committee meetings, overseeing the state office, working with the Multiple District Council Treasurer and Council Chair, and interacting with the public. Must be a Lion in good standing.

Successful candidates should possess excellent communication skills and demonstrable experience in an office administration role. Outstanding MD Council Secretaries are highly organized in performing a wide array of administrative duties. See Page 26 in the digital section of this issue for full job description.

MD9 Council Treasurer – Volunteer Lion (work as needed) – Includes Expense Allotment

In this role, the successful candidate will be responsible for tracking the finances of the Multiple District and the Iowa Lions Foundation, overseeing the state office, working with the Multiple District Council Secretary and Council Chair, and interacting with the public. Must be a Lion in good standing.

Successful candidates should possess excellent communication skills and demonstrable experience in an accounting role. Outstanding MD Council Treasurers are highly organized in performing a wide array of accounting and bookkeeping duties. See Page 27 in the digital section of this issue for full job description.

Office Manager – Part-Time (20 – 24 hours per week) – No Benefits

In this role, the successful candidate will be responsible for processing documents, maintaining databases, managing office supplies, packaging and mailing documents and awards, receipt and deposit of checks, and interacting with the public.

Successful candidates should possess excellent communication skills and demonstrable experience in an office administration role. Outstanding office managers are highly organized in performing a wide array of administrative duties. See Page 28 in the digital section of this issue for full job description.

2022 Iowa Lions State Convention REGISTRATION FORM

May 20-21, 2022 – Gateway Hotel & Conference Center, Ames, Iowa

ROOM RESERVATIONS are your responsibility and should be made directly with the hotel. A Lions rate of \$119 + tax per night has been extended to the Lions through April 19, 2022. Please mention the Iowa Lions when making your reservation with Gateway Hotel & Conference Center, 2100 Green Hills Drive, Ames, Iowa • (515) 292-8600 • [Click Here for Online Reservations](#)

FILL FORM OUT COMPLETELY – PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY
(If using fillable PDF, hit "Save As" or Ctrl S to save completed form)

NAME 1 _____ LION LEO GUEST

CURRENT OFFICE HELD _____ FIRST TIMER? YES NO

CLUB _____ DISTRICT _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____ EMAIL _____

NAME 2 _____ LION LEO GUEST

CURRENT OFFICE HELD _____ FIRST TIMER? YES NO

CLUB _____ DISTRICT _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____ EMAIL _____

DEADLINE: Registrations should be **postmarked by Friday, April 29, 2022**. Registrations postmarked AFTER that date will incur a \$10 late registration fee. No meals can be guaranteed for registrations received after May 6, 2022.

Select a Package:	Number	Cost
Weekend Package Deal (all events Friday & Saturday)	\$100.00 per person x _____ =	_____
Friday Awards Banquet only	\$65.00 per person x _____ =	_____
Saturday Package (includes Saturday Brunch)	\$60.00 per person x _____ =	_____
Registration Only (no meals)	\$30.00 per person x _____ =	_____
ADD Late Fee (if postmarked after April 29, 2022)	\$10.00 per person x _____ =	_____
	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	_____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Please make checks payable to: Lions Clubs of Iowa MD9 Convention
And mail to: Treasurer Lisa Prochaska, PO Box 527, Clear Lake, IA 50428
Phone: (641) 373-1942 or (563) 920-0857 E-Mail: MD9conventions@iowalions.org

Watch for online registration form coming soon at www.iowalions.org
There is a \$5 convenience fee for online registration.

Council Approves Print Subscription for *The Iowa Lion*

By PDG Debbie Doty
Editor, *The Iowa Lion*

Iowa Lions will be able to get printed copies of *The Iowa Lion* magazine sent to their homes in the near future.

In January, the MD9 Editorial Board developed, and the Council of Governors approved, a plan that will allow Iowa Lions to pay for a subscription to receive a printed copy of *The Iowa Lion* magazine sent to their homes, if they choose.

This subscription comes at a cost of \$35 per year for 10 hard copy issues of the magazine to be mailed to each subscriber's home, if they live inside of Iowa. For Iowa Lions who live outside of Iowa at any time of the year, such as snowbirds, the annual cost will be \$40. This is because media rate mail is based on ZIP code, according to a representative of the company that prints *The Iowa Lion* magazine. It will be the responsibility of the subscriber to inform the editor of any address changes.



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The Iowa Lion PRINT SUBSCRIPTION ORDER FORM

Fill out entirely - Print legibly

SUBSCRIBING LION'S NAME

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY/STATE/ZIP

Make checks payable to **Lions Clubs of Iowa** and mail to:

The Iowa Lion Editor
Debbie Doty
PO Box 251
University Park IA 52595

\$35 for in Iowa / \$40 for out of Iowa anytime during the year.

This is for the 2022-2023 Lions year. Orders must be received by July 10 for the first issue mailed to subscribers in August 2022.

Lions Clubs of Iowa dues cover the cost of a digital copy of the magazine for each Lion, plus printed copies of the magazine mailed to each club secretary to share with the club.

"Many Lions have asked over the years for a way to receive their own copy of *The Iowa Lion*," said Past District Governor Stefan Sandberg, Editorial Board chairperson. "I think most will agree the price of the magazine subscription is less than ink to print one or two issues on an inkjet printer at home."

To simplify record keeping and billing, the subscriptions will be on an annual basis only, starting in the 2022-2023 Lions year. These will start with the July-August 2022 issue of the magazine being mailed to subscribers.

Iowa Lions can make their checks payable to **Lions Clubs of Iowa** and mail with the subscription form to:

The Iowa Lion Editor
PO Box 251
University Park, IA 52595

The editor will record the subscriptions in a mailing list and forward the checks on to the state office for deposit.

Lions will continue to have a digital copy sent to their email addresses, and be able to download the copy from the Iowa Lions website or read one of the two printed copies mailed to club secretaries.

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Agenda for 2022 State Convention May 20-21, 2022

Gateway Hotel & Conference Center
Ames, Iowa

Friday, May 20

8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	Registration
8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	Foundation Meeting
10:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m.	VDG/DGE Training
10:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m.	Iowa Foundation Trustee Training
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.	Lunch on your own
1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	COG Meeting
5:15 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Registration
6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	International Banquet
9:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.	Pin Traders Meeting

Saturday, May 21

7:00 a.m.	Vendor & Display Set-up
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Vendors, Pin Traders, Needlework for a Cause, Peace Poster Display, Tail Twister Raffle Sales
7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Registration
7:30 a.m.-8:00 a.m.	Constitution and By Laws meeting
8:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m.	PDG Association meeting and election
8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.	Committee Meetings: IT Committee / Youth Exchange Finance Committee / Credentials Rules
9:45 a.m.-10:15 a.m.	Meet and Q&A - PID Bruce Beck
10:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Delegate Certification
11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m.	Brunch Pledge, Invocation, Mayor of Ames, Keynote Speaker Lion Andrea Carlson, Warren Coleman awards, Pin Trader Awards, Pin Trader Auction, First Timers drawing
1:15 p.m.-1:30 p.m.	Break
1:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	Memorial Service
2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.	Business meeting Reports, Voting on the changes to the By Laws, Changing of the Gavel and comments.

District 9NE Celebration of Achievement REGISTRATION FORM Saturday, May 14, 2022 Camp EWALU, Strawberry Point

Responder's Name: _____

Club: _____

Email: _____

Attendees: _____

No. Attendees _____ x \$15 / person = \$ _____

Registration includes lunch.

Make checks payable to **9NE Lions** and mail to:

Lion Mark Trax
114 21st St. SW
Waverly, IA. 50677

Bring your club banner to display.

Bring checks for Parade of Checks.

Wear your Lions attire and comfortable shoes.

Strongly recommended wearing of masks.



NEW MEMBERS. Three new members were inducted into the Clear Lake Evening Lions Club on Jan. 17. Pictured (L-R) are Mike Yore, sponsor; new members Jerry Nelson, Linda Levang and Janiel Olson; and sponsor Karen Sears.

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APPRECIATED. Past International Director Dana Biggs (right) presents a Presidential Certificate of Appreciation to Urbandale Lion Ron Markway.



15-YEARS OF SERVICE. 9SE District Governor Nancy Love (left) presents a 15-year Membership Chevron Award to West Burlington Lion Jeff Erickson.



Dubuque Noon Lions Sunday May 1, 2022

Steeple Square, 15th & White Street
Dubuque IA 52001

Reception 1-3 p.m. (Short Program 2 p.m.)

Cash Bar • Hors D'oeuvres • Door Prizes/Silent Auction

RSVP by April 24, 2022 to: Dubuque Noon Lions
% Janell Radloff
1800 Rosemont St.
Dubuque IA 52002

_____ # Attending
x \$30 per person = \$ _____

Name	Address	City/State/Zip	Club

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TIME IN SERVICE. (Above photo) Council Chair Elect and 9SE District Governor Nancy Love (far right) presents Membership Chevron Awards for time in service as Lions to Washington Lions Club members (L-R) Dustin Sieren, Lori Chalupa, Don Hiener, Past District Governor Rachel Nicola and Al Olson.



BEFORE AND AFTER. The Lions clubs of Van Buren County (Keosauqua, Stockport, Birmingham and Milton) kick off the Christmas in the Villages celebrations with the annual Festival of Trees held in the county seat of Keosauqua. The photo on the top left is what the Roberts Memorial Center looks like the week after Thanksgiving. Different volunteers and organizations decorate the trees (pictured on the bottom left), which are auctioned off to raise funds for Christmas for Kids, which last year provided gifts to 255 children in need. Pictured below, Keosauqua Lions President Mike Plecker presents a check for \$10,834 on behalf of Van Buren County Lions clubs to Suzanne Rice of Christmas for Kids.



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Lions Clubs of Iowa Multiple District 9, Constitution (Amended at State Convention Monticello, May 22, 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:

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE V Supremacy

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

ARTICLE VI Officers and Council of Governors

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

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

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

Section 2. **OFFICERS.** The officers of the Council of Governors shall be the council chairperson and vice council chairperson each of whom shall be elected annually and the secretary and treasurer described as follows. The Council shall have as its secretary/treasurer, the Multiple District Council Secretary/Treasurer and if there is no 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.

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

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

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eligible delegates must be members in good standing of a club in good standing in this multiple district.

Delinquent dues must be paid and good standing acquired 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 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 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

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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

(Amended at State Convention in Monticello 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

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Officers

Section 1. COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

(a) Candidacy

Sitting district 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.

(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 and supporting documents for each Council meeting and mail-send 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 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 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

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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 Multiple District Council

~~Secretary~~/Treasurer financial reports semi-annually or more frequently and make provision for ~~a~~an independent 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. MULTIPLE DISTRICT COUNCIL SECRETARY/TREASURER

(a) The position of Multiple District Council Secretary/Treasurer consists of responsibilities as state secretary-treasurer when the roles of MD Council Secretary and MD Council Treasurer are combined. ~~and as field representative for Multiple District 9.~~

~~(b) The amount of time spent as 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.~~

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(c) The 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 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 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.~~

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

(e) The duties of the Multiple District Secretary, when not combined with the Multiple District Treasurer, shall include the following:

(1) 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

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

(3) 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.

(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. Attendance at committee meetings is optional or as requested.

(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 for review in the State Office.

(8) 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.

(f) The duties of the Multiple District Treasurer, when not combined with the Multiple District Secretary, shall include the following:

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

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

(3) 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. Attendance at committee meetings is optional or as requested.

(4) 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.

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(5) Preserve the financial records of the corporation (association) for review in the Multiple District Office.

(6) Ensure that the cabinet treasurer of each district of Lions Clubs of Iowa is invoiced semi-annually for the dues and revenues that may be fixed under the constitution and/or by-laws.

(7) Ensure that all disbursements are made by check or electronic disbursement, upon approval by the council chairperson or vice council chairperson or by a district governor designated by the Council successively as applicable.

(8) Ensure that all funds are deposited 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.

(9) Verify and reconcile all accounts to the approved Multiple District budget.

(10) Generates and distributes financial reports regularly as directed by the Council.

(11) Ensure that a financial review is performed at least annually.

~~(f) The duties of Multiple District Council Secretary/Treasurer 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.~~

Section 4. MULTIPLE DISTRICT FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

(A) Help any club with a Status Quo designation, upon the request of the club's district governor or of other district leadership.

(B) Help the Districts of Lions Clubs of Iowa increase clubs' new members and retain existing members.

(C) 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.

(D) The Multiple District Field Representative shall receive such compensation as may be determined by the Council and shall serve at the pleasure of the Council.

ARTICLE III Multiple District Committees

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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) 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~~ 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.

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

~~Districts 9-EC and 9-SW: July 1, 2019²²-June 30, 2022⁵~~

~~Districts 9-NC and 9-NE: July 1, 2020³-June 30, 2023⁶~~

~~Districts 9-NW, 9-MC and 9-SE: July 1, 2021⁴-June 30, 2024⁷~~

(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~~secretary.

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

~~Districts 9-NE, 9-EC and 9-SW: July 1, 2019²²-June 30, 2022⁵~~

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~~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~~
Districts 9-NC and 9-MC: July 1, 2020³-June 30, 2023⁶

Districts 9NW and 9-SE: July 1, 2024⁴-June 30, 2024⁷

- (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~~

Districts 9-NE and 9-EC: July 1, 2019²²-June 30, 2022⁵

Districts 9-NC and 9-SW: July 1, 2020³-June 30, 2023⁶

Districts 9NW, 9-MC and 9-SE: July 1, 2024⁴-June 30, 2024⁷

- (1) The appointing district governor shall announce the appointment at the Council Meeting held approximately one month before the Multiple District 9 convention.
- (2) If a committee membership is vacated, the district governor of the vacated membership shall appoint a replacement from the district.

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

(d) Duties shall include the following:

- (1) 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 which election procedures 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; 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 within ten (10) days prior to the state convention. The convention planning committee members shall be appointed by the close of the state convention prior to their term.
- (3) The council chairperson and 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 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 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 Iowa Lions Learning Conference.
- (5) Prepare and submit reports as required by the Council of Governors.

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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, 2023-June 30, 2026
District 9-NW	July 1, 2024-June 30, 2027
District 9-NC	July 1, 2018 25 -June 30, 2024 8
District 9-MC	July 1, 2019 26 -June 30, 2022 9
District 9-SW	July 1, 2020 7 -June 30, 2023 30
District 9-NE	July 1, 2021 8 -June 30, 2024 31

(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 chairpersons and the 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 compensation of the office assistant and Multiple District Council Secretary/Treasurer personnel.~~

(4) Meet a minimum of twice a year: before the first Council Meeting of the year, ~~at the Iowa Lions Learning Conference before the State Convention~~ and any other time directed by the Council of Governors or convened by the Finance Committee Chairperson or by the request of the Council Chairperson.

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

Section 8. PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

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- (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 ~~compensation of office assistant's and Multiple District Council Secretary/Treasurer's personnel 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 social networking pages on any social networking website which are designated "Official Iowa Lions" social 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.
- (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.
 - (4) The council chairperson shall be ex-officio member.
- (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.
- (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 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.

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(6) Facilitate hybrid virtual meetings for the Council of Governors and the Iowa Lions Foundation Trustees upon request of the council chairperson and foundation president respectively.

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 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 in person or 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. The IT Committee will facilitate hybrid virtual meetings of the Council of Governors and the Iowa Lions Foundation Trustees upon request.

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 or other electronic means)~~, provided that no such action shall be effective until approved in writing by ~~two-thirds (2/3)~~ a majority of the entire number of the members of the Council of Governors. Such action may be initiated by the council chairperson or any three (3) members of said Council.

ARTICLE V Multiple District 9 Convention

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

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Section 2. **LOCATION SELECTION:** Location of the Multiple District 9 convention shall be selected by the Convention Planning Committee and presented to the Council of Governors in a timely manner for their approval.

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 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 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

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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.~~

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~~ a majority 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 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 Iowa Lions Learning Conference

Section 1. **CONFERENCE CALL:** Each year the Council of Governors shall call an 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 Iowa Lions Learning Conference and will be used to offset the expenses of the conference.

Section 4. **ACCOUNTING AND REPORT:** At the Spring-next Council Meeting after the Iowa Lions Learning Conference a final accounting and report will be presented by the

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Convention Planning Committee Chair. Any combined excess above reserve funds from the 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 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 by each district a convention for the purpose of electing a district governor, first vice-district governor, second vice-district governor, 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~~**REVENUE SOURCES:** For the purpose of budgeting and control of the funds of this corporation, the funds are classified as follows:

~~Multiple District 9 Convention and Iowa Lions Learning Conference Fund~~

~~Office Operating Fund~~Dues Tax

~~General Fund~~

~~"The Iowa Lion" Fund~~

Campaign Fund (when assessed)

~~Building Repair and Major Office Equipment~~Capital Improvements Fund

~~Membership and Marketing Fund~~Building Rent

Foundation Administration

Miscellaneous

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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 treasurer or cabinet secretary-treasurer and paid by each district cabinet treasurer to the Lions Clubs of Iowa 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-at~~ the same ~~household-address~~ 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 Multiple District Council ~~Secretary~~/Treasurer of the request and the eligibility determination. The 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 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

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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 by separate bank account 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 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 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 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 Iowa Lions Learning Conference. Any profit from the Multiple-District 9 convention or 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~~

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~~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 4. **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND:** To provide a reserve fund dedicated to non-routine capital improvements to the Multiple District 9 State Office building and grounds.

(a) Amount: Effective July 1, 2022, a separate bank account shall be created and pre-funded with \$50,000 from the General Operating Account.

(b) Semi-Annual Funding: An amount equal to 5% of the Dues Tax shall be transferred into the fund semi-annually on July 15 and January 15 each year up to a maximum of \$75,000 or 12.5% of the most recent appraised value of the building, whichever is higher.

(c) Expenditures: Expenditures from this fund are limited to major repairs and/or improvements, which are non-routine in nature.

(d) Authorization: All expenditures from this fund must have prior authorization of the council or be in accordance with the current 5-year capital improvement plan which has been approved at a prior council meeting.

Section 5. **BUILDING RENT:** Income derived from lease/rent of the building and grounds at the State Office.

Section 6. **IOWA LIONS FOUNDATION ADMINISTRATION:** Income received from Iowa Lions Foundation for administrative services performed by the Lions Clubs of Iowa at the State Office. Such services include, but are not limited to: record keeping, financial tracking by the Multiple District Treasurer, secretarial duties performed by the Multiple District Secretary, receipt and deposit of fund, disbursement of funds at the direction of the President of the Iowa Lions Foundation, correspondence, shipping of packages, and other duties as mutually agreed by the Iowa Lions Foundation Trustees and the Council of Governors from time to time.

Section 7. **MISCELLANEOUS:** Income derived from various sources including, but not limited to: mints, convention, memorials, state pins, advertising, interest, and general donations.

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Section ~~408~~. **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 or Capital Improvements Fund in that no funds may be transferred from the Campaign Fund or Capital Improvements Fund to any other funds.~~

Section ~~449~~. **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.

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Section 4. **TREASURER BOND:** The 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 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. A copy of the District Financial Review should be sent to the MD 9 Council Treasurer after the first District cabinet meeting of the following 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>
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
<u>2026-2027</u>	<u>9NW-9MC-9SE</u>	<u>Three year</u>	<u>July 1, 2027- June 30, 2030</u>
<u>2027-2028</u>	<u>9NC-9EC</u>	<u>Three year</u>	<u>July 1, 2028- June 30, 2031</u>

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~~ meeting at the Multiple

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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 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.

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-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>
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
2027-2028	9SW	Three year	July 1, 2028- June 30,
<u>2024³¹</u>			
2024⁸-2022⁹	9MC	Three year	July 1, 2022- June 30,
<u>2025³²</u>			

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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 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 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 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:

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(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 ninety (90) days before the 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 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 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 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 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", "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

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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 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 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.

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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.

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- (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) Collaborate with the Global Action Team (GAT).
- (f) Work with the district governor, second vice district governor and the Global 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) 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.

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- (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.

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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.
- (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.

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(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, Multiple District Council Secretary/Treasurer and ~~Office Assistant~~other personnel 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 independent audit or independent review of the books and accounts of Multiple District 9.

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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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