

THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
OF  
LIONS CLUBS  
DISTRICT 1-CS CONSTITUTION  
AND BY-LAWS



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ARTICLE I

CONSTITUTION

NAME

This organization shall be known as “District 1-CS of the International Association of Lions Clubs” and will here in after be referred to as “District.”

ARTICLE II  
OBJECTS

To provide this District with an efficient organization headed by Internationals Representative, the District Governor for the purpose of advancing Lionism and Providing proper administration throughout the District.

ARTICLE III  
MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: The membership of this organization shall consist of all Lions Clubs in said District 1-CS duly chartered by and in good standing with the International Association of Lions Clubs, here in after referred to as Lions International.

SECTION 2: District 1-CS shall consist of the following counties in Illinois to-wit: Alexander, Franklin, Gallatin, Hardin, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Perry, Pope, Pulaski, Randolph, Williamson, the southeastern part of St. Clair, Saline, Union and the Norris City Lions Club, which is in White County.

ARTICLE IV  
DISTRICT MEETINGS

SECTION 1: The annual Convention of District 1-CS shall be held each year not later than twenty days (20) prior to the date set for the State Convention for that year, at a place selected by vote of the delegates at the preceding annual District Convention, or in the event the place is not selected or it becomes necessary to hold the Convention elsewhere, by vote of the District Cabinet. The date of such annual Convention shall be fixed by the District Governor after consultation with the District Cabinet.

SECTION 2: Whenever practical, no District Convention shall be held in the same Zone as the one in which the immediately preceding convention was held.

SECTION 3: Each chartered club in the District in good standing with Lions International shall be entitled to one vote for each ten members or a major fraction thereof. Past District Governors in District 1-CS shall be entitled to a vote not to count against the vote of the membership of their club. No club shall have more votes than they have members present.

SECTION 4: Voting and voting qualifications of delegates to the meeting at the State Convention shall be governed by the Illinois State Constitution.

SECTION 5: A majority of the delegates or voting strength in attendance shall constitute a quorum at the convention or any of the meetings of the District.

ARTICLE V  
DISTRICT OFFICERS

SECTION 1: The officers of the District shall be the District Governor, who shall be the presiding officer, the Vice District Governor, the **two** Lions of Illinois Foundation Trustees, the Regional Chairpersons (Optional), the Zone Chairpersons, the District Secretary-Treasurer, the Chairperson of the District Committees and the Presidents and Secretaries of the Clubs in the District.

SECTION 2: The District Governor, District Vice Governor and the Lions of Illinois Foundation Trustee shall be elected at the annual convention of the District. The District Governor shall appoint by the time he or she takes office the District Secretary-Treasurer, the Regional Chairpersons (Optional), the Zone Chairpersons and such Committee Chairpersons as needed. All District Officers shall serve for one year except Extension, Membership, Leadership and Retention shall serve a term as specified in Lions International Constitution and By-Laws. The two Lions of Illinois Trustees shall serve two years, with one being elected each year at the District Convention. The Campaign and Liaison Committee Chairperson shall be appointed for a two year term.

SECTION 3: The District shall have a Vice-Governor whose duties shall be to assist the District Governor. The Vice-Governor shall be elected at the same time and place as the District Governor and have the same qualifications as are required for the District Governor and Lions International Constitution.

SECTION 4: The District Governor and the Vice-Governor shall be elected for a one year term. The Lions of Illinois Foundation Trustees will be elected to a two-year term. The two Trustees will be alternately elected.

SECTION 5: Each officer appointed by the District Governor shall be a member in good standing of a Lions Club, chartered by Lions International in District 1-CS.

SECTION 6: Qualifications for the Trustees is as outlined in Lions of Illinois Foundation policy manual dated November 6, 2005, including by-laws.

It will be the responsibility of the Foundation for any compensation for services during the terms of their office. It is the responsibility of the elected Trustees to keep the District informed of the Foundation activities by attending Cabinet, Club and Zone meetings informing the Clubs of the Foundation activities.

SECTION 7: In the event of a vacancy in the District Governors Cabinet, or in any office except that of District Governor, Vice Governor, Lions of Illinois Foundation Trustee, or Club President or Secretary, the District Governor shall have the power to fill such vacancy for the un-expired term.

SECTION 8: The District Governor shall have the authority to remove from office any appointed officer who becomes inactive or fails to perform their duties properly.

ARTICLE VI  
DISTRICT GOVERNORS CABINET

SECTION 1: There shall be a District Governors Cabinet composed of the District Governor, the Vice-Governor, the Lions of Illinois Foundation Trustees, the District Secretary-Treasurer, the Regional Chairpersons (Optional), the Zone Chairpersons and the Chairperson of District Committees appointed by the District Governor.

SECTION 2: A majority of the members of the District Governors Cabinet shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Cabinet.

SECTION 3: All members of the Cabinet shall have the right to vote on any matter presented by the District Governor.

SECTION 4: The District Governors Cabinet shall meet at such times and places as may be fixed by the District Governor.

ARTICLE VII  
DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

SECTION 1: The District shall be divided by the District Governor into regions of sixteen or less Lions Clubs each, due regard being given to geographical location of the Clubs. Such regions and their boundaries shall be set by the District Governor and communicated to the Secretary of all individual Clubs in the District prior to the annual District Convention. These regions shall not be changed thereafter for one year except upon good cause and the approval of two-thirds of the Cabinet (Optional).

SECTION 2: Each region shall be divided by the District Governor into zones. The zones shall be composed of eight or less Lions Clubs each, due regard being given to geographical locations of the Clubs and may be changed by the District Governor as it may deem advisable for the best interest of Lionism and the individual Lions Club.

SECTION 3: Meetings of all the member Clubs in a region may be designated and known as Regional meetings, and Regional meetings may be held throughout the District during the year at times and places to be fixed by the Regional Chairperson in active charge. Such Regional meetings shall be arranged as make it possible and convenient for the members of each Club to attend at least one meeting each year. All such Regional meetings shall be under the supervision of the District Governor. (Optional)

SECTION 4: Meetings of all the member Clubs in a zone shall be designated and known as Zone Meetings, which may be held throughout the District during the year at times and places to be fixed by the Zone Chairperson of each individual zone, who shall be active in charge, under the supervision of the Regional Chairperson of the region of which the zone is a part.(Optional only if there is a Regional Chairperson). Such Zone meetings shall be so arranged as makes it possible for the members of each Club in each zone to attend at least one meeting in each year.

ARTICLE VIII  
DISTRICT GOVERNORS  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SECTION 1: There shall be a District Governors Advisory Committee in each zone composed of the Zone Chairperson and the Presidents and Secretaries of the Clubs in the zone.

SECTION 2: In the event any Zone Chairperson shall, during the term of office move into a zone other than the one in which appointment was made, the office shall be filled by appointment of the District Governor for the remainder of the term. This change to be at the responsibility of the District Governor and availability of a new Zone Chairperson.

SECTION 3: The Zone Chairperson in each zone shall conduct at least three meetings of the Zone Advisory Committee in their zone during the year in which the office is held.

ARTICLE IX  
DISTRICT GOVERNORS  
HONORARY COMMITTEE

SECTION 1: There shall be in the District a District Governors Honorary Committee. The membership of the committee shall consist of the Past International Directors and Past District Governors within the District. The District Governor shall appoint the Chairperson of the committee and the District Governors Honorary Committee shall meet when and where as called upon to meet by the District Governor or by its Chairperson.

## ARTICLE X DISTRICT REVENUE

SECTION 1: To provide revenue to defray the non-convention administrative expenses of the District, an annual District Administrative Fund per capita tax is hereby levied upon each member of each Club in the District. It shall be collected and paid in advance by each Club in two (2) semi-annual payments as follows: by September 10th of each year to cover the semi-annual Period July 1st to December 31st, by March 10th each year to cover the semi-annual period January 1st to June 30th with billing of the same to be based on the roster of each Club as of the last day of June and the last day of December respectively. Said tax shall be paid to the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer by each Club except newly chartered and reorganized Clubs, which shall collect and pay said per capita tax on a pro rated basis from the first date of their organization or reorganization as the case may be.

Said per capita tax shall be disbursed only for non-convention administrative expenses of the District and only upon the approval of the District Governor and adopted District Budget.

Disbursements shall be by check drawn and signed by the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer and countersigned by the District Governor, if not waived by the District Cabinet.

SECTION 2: Said per capita tax collected in the District shall become and remain a fund of said District and shall be disbursed only for such administrative expenses of the District Cabinet as are approved by the District Governors Cabinet and the adopted budget. Payments out of said District Administrative Fund shall be by checks drawn and signed by the District Secretary-Treasurer and countersigned by the District Governor, if not waived by the District Cabinet.

SECTION 3: Some expense of the District Governor in connection with his attending the International Convention shall be considered a District Administrative expense payable from the District Administrative fund and the District Governors Cabinet shall have the authority to determine the amount which shall be allotted to defray any such expenses, said expenses to be allotted in annual budget.

SECTION 4: The District Secretary-Treasurer shall be required to carry a bond in such amount as shall be approved by the District Governors Cabinet, however the bond may be waived by the District Governors Cabinet.

SECTION 5: The District Governors Cabinet shall provide for an audit of the books and accounts of the District Secretary-Treasurer annually or at more frequent intervals if necessary, by a competent auditor or three Past District Governors of the District and a copy of said audit shall be sent to each member of the Cabinet.

ARTICLE XI  
ADOPTION

SECTION 1: This Constitution and By-Laws shall become in full force and effect when it has been adopted by a majority affirmative vote at the District Convention.

ARTICLE XII  
AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1: This Constitution can be amended only at a District Convention by a resolution reported by the committee on Constitution and By-Laws at such annual Convention and adopted by a two thirds affirmative vote of the voting strength present at said convention.

## BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE I NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

SECTION 1: The District Governor shall appoint Nominating Chairperson at least sixty (60) days prior to the annual District Convention.

SECTION 2: The Nominating Chairperson shall receive the written nomination of any member in good standing for District Governor, Vice-Governor and Lions of Illinois Foundation Trustee and said nominations are to be endorsed by a majority of the members in good standing of his or her club.

This nomination is made subject to the nomination vote to be taken at the annual District Convention and if the nominee fails to obtain the nomination at said Convention, then the committee is instructed to withdraw the nomination. The District Governor shall then with the approval of the District Cabinet appoint someone to such office.

SECTION 3: All nominations must be in the hands of the Nominating Chairperson not less than twenty (20) days prior to the date of the District Convention.

SECTION 4: Nominations may be made from the floor for the office of District Governor, Vice-Governor, and Lions of Illinois Foundation Trustee only when the Nominating Chairperson has certified at the District Convention that it has received no written nominations in accordance with the foregoing provisions.

SECTION 5: Voting at the District Convention upon agreement shall be by secret written ballot, in case of a race for that particular office.

SECTION 6: A meeting of the District shall be held at the State Convention at which time reports shall be presented to the delegates by the District Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer, and the District Governor pertaining to matters being discussed at the State Convention.

SECTION 7: In the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of District Governor, the Vice-Governor shall act as District Governor until such time as said vacancy is filled by the International Board of Directors for the remainder of the term. In the event of a vacancy of the Vice-Governor, the vacancy shall be filled in accordance with the provisions of the International Constitution. In the event of a vacancy of the Lions of Illinois Foundation Trustee the District Governor shall with the approval of the District Cabinet appoint someone to fill the vacancy till the end of the term.

ARTICLE II  
DUTIES

SECTION 1: The duties of the District Governor, Vice-Governor, District Secretary-Treasurer, Regional Chairperson (Optional), Zone Chairperson, District Governors Cabinet, District Governors Advisory Committee and District Governors Honorary Committee shall be the same in all respects as those outlined in Article VI of the By-Laws of the State Constitution.

ARTICLE III  
COMMITTEES

SECTION 1: At the annual District Convention, or prior thereto, the District Governor shall appoint in addition to the Nominating Chairperson provided for in Section 1 of these By-Laws a Resolution Committee, a Constitution and By-Laws Committee and such other committees that may deem necessary or advisable and shall designate the Chairperson of such committees.

ARTICLE IV  
RULES OF PROCEDURE

SECTION 1: The District Cabinet shall arrange a program for the District Convention and the same shall be the order for all sessions.

SECTION 2: Roberts Rules of Order shall govern all parliamentary procedures.

ARTICLE V  
FISCAL YEAR

SECTION 1: The fiscal year of this District shall be from July 1st to June 30<sup>th</sup>, inclusive of each year.

ARTICLE VI  
AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1: These By-Laws may be amended only at the annual District Convention, reported by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee and adopted by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the voting strength present at the District Convention.