



PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS OF WISCONSIN



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Amended on January 30, 2010

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The name of this organization shall be Wisconsin Lions Past District Governors Organization. It shall be referred to hereinafter as the Past District Governors Organization.

ARTICLE II

OBJECTS AND PURPOSES

The Past District Governors Organization (PDGO) is an Affiliate of the Wisconsin Lions Multiple District 27 and is both honorary and advisory in scope and purpose.

The purpose of the PDGO is to promote Lionism throughout the Lions Clubs of Wisconsin. The PDGO shall work in co-operation with the State Council of Governors and the Boards of Directors of both the Wisconsin Lions Foundation and the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin.

The PDGO shall not participate in or promote any individual project for the benefit of Lionism without the approval of the State Council of Governors.

The Objects of the PDGO shall be the same as the Objects and Code of Ethics of Lions Clubs International (Article II of the LCI Constitution).

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Any Lion member in good standing in his (the male pronoun is understood to mean both male and female) Club who has previously served as District Governor, and has received the title of Past District Governor, shall be eligible for membership. Only members who have paid the annual dues prescribed in the By-Laws shall be considered active members and have the privilege to vote and to participate in the business affairs of the Past District Governors.

Only active members shall hold office or be candidates for any office of the Past District Governors Organization.

ARTICLE IV

AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Past District Governors Organization by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the active members present and voting.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

MEETINGS

Section 1 – Meetings:

There shall be a minimum of three (3) meetings of the Past District Governors Organization each year. There shall be a fall meeting, a winter meeting and a meeting to be held during the Lions of Wisconsin Multiple District Convention. Meetings shall be called by the President. In the event of illness of the President or the President is unable to serve, then the Vice-President or succeeding officer shall assume authority to call the meeting.

Section 2 – Notice of Meetings:

The Secretary shall give at least ten (10) days written notice to all active members of any regular or special meeting called by the President.

Section 3 – Place and Time of Meeting

The President shall designate the time and place of all meetings, making it as convenient as possible for all members to attend.

Section 4 – Quorum:

A quorum shall be the total number of members in good standing present at the meeting.

Section 5 – Order of Business:

The order of business of all meetings of the Past District Governors shall be as follows:

- a. Call to Order
- b. Pledge to Flag and Song
- c. Prayer – silent or audible
- d. Roll call – Secretary
- e. Reading of minutes of previous meeting – Secretary
- f. Financial Report – Treasurer
- g. Correspondence
- h. Reports – Committee Chairman and others
- i. Unfinished Business
- j. New Business
- k. Approval of Expenditures – Treasurer
- l. Announcements
- m. Adjournment

Section 6 – Rules:

Meeting shall be conducted in accordance with Roberts’ Rules of Order.

ARTICLE II

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1 – Members:

The Board of Directors shall consist of the:

- a. President
- b. Vice-President
- c. Secretary/Historian
- d. Treasurer
- e. Sergeant-at-Arms/Lion Tamer
- f. Immediate Past President – Ex Officio

There shall be one officer from each letter district on the Board at all times.

Section 2 – Rotation of Officers:

In order to achieve equal representation amongst the letter districts while recognizing the tenure of the existing board members, the order of rotation of officers shall follow the order as outlined in Attachment A. Thereafter, the officers shall advance in the order of their office with an election for the office of Sergeant-at-Arms/Lion Tamer from the letter district of the outgoing President.

Section 3 – Term of Office:

The term of office shall be from July 1st to June 30th of each year.

Section 4 – Election of Officers

Election of vacant offices shall be held annually at the meeting held during the Lions of Wisconsin Multiple District Convention.

Section 5 – Vacancies:

In the event any officer is unable to fulfill the duties of his office, the duties of the vacant office shall be assumed by the officer next in rotation in addition to the current duties of the assuming officer.

ARTICLE III

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1 – President:

- a. He shall preside at all meetings of the Board and Membership.
- b. He shall see that all actions by the Board and by the Past District Governors are carried out.

Section 2 – Vice President:

- a. He shall serve as the Past District Governors Organization’s representative at meetings of the Council of Governors. Reimbursement to attend such meetings shall be paid according to the current Lions Clubs International Rules of Audit.
- b. He shall have the responsibility for heading up the planning and the coordination of the seminars for the State Lions Convention.
- c. He shall perform such additional duties as may be delegated by the President or as may be directed by the Board of Directors.
- d. He shall perform the duties of the President when the President is unable to serve for any reason.

Section 3 – Secretary/Historian:

- a. He shall issue all notices of meetings.
- b. He shall prepare and keep an accurate record of the minutes of all regular and any special meetings.
- c. He shall send a copy of all minutes to each member in good standing.
- d. He shall keep a record of all members and their addresses.
- e. He shall compile and maintain a ledger of the Past District Governors Organization’s activities, listing of officers, photographs etc. from original concept to current date.
- f. He shall perform such additional duties as may be prescribed by the Board or by these By-Laws.
- g. He shall provide notice of eligibility to those districts eligible to bring candidates for office.

Section 4 – Treasurer:

- a. He shall keep an accurate accounting of all receipts and expenditures of the Past District Governors.
- b. He shall pay bills only when approved by the Board of Directors.
- c. He shall receive all monies for dues or otherwise, keeping an accurate record of each.
- d. He shall prepare and make reports to the Board and the Past District Governors or receipts and expenditures as directed by the President or the Board.
- e. All checks shall be signed by the Treasurer.
- f. He shall perform such additional duties as may be prescribed by the Board or by these By-Laws.
- g. He shall issue annual dues statements in May of each year.

Section 5 – Lion Tamer/Sergeant-at-Arms

- a. He shall be responsible for all meeting set ups as directed by the President or the Past District Governors Organization.
- b. He shall be responsible for the maintenance of proper decorum during all meetings and functions.
- c. He shall perform such additional duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV

COMMITTEES

The President of the Past District Governors Organization shall have authority to appoint committees as he deems necessary to carry out purposes and objectives of the Past District Governors Organization.

ARTICLE V

DUES

Dues for the Past District Governors Organization shall be paid to the Treasurer in one of the following ways:

- a. Annual dues for the period of July 1 – June 30 shall be established each year at the winter meeting. Change of dues shall require a simple majority affirmative vote by those present and shall be payable in advance by July 1 of each year. Current dues are \$10.00. Dues as of July 1, 2010 will be \$15.00.
- b. Lifetime dues – to be assessed once. Currently they are \$125. Lifetime dues as of July 1, 2010 will be \$150.00. These monies shall be placed in a special interest bearing account. Each fiscal year the Treasurer shall remove from this account an amount equal to the number of active lifetime members times the annual assessment (\$15.00 after July 1, 2010) to be placed in the Treasury account. All remaining “Lifetime” money shall remain in the special account. Active Lifetime Members shall be defined as any lifetime dues paying member that has attended at least one meeting in the past three years. Any such delinquent member shall automatically reestablish active status by simply attending any regular meeting of the Organization.

ARTICLE VI

AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Past District Governors Organization by a simple majority affirmative vote of the active members present and voting.

ATTACHMENT A

The order of rotation for the composition of the Board of Directors as referenced in Article II, Section 2 of the By-Laws shall be as follows:

<u>Year 2007-08</u> President J. Boettcher C-2 Vice President R. Bayerl E-1 Secretary W. Althaus D-1 Treasurer D. Schlieve A-2 Sergeant-at-Arms G. Colton B-1	<u>Year 2008-09</u> President R. Bayerl E-1 Vice President W. Althaus D-1 Secretary D. Schlieve A-2 Treasurer G. Colton B-1 Sergeant-at-Arms H. Carlson C-1	<u>Year 2009-10</u> President D. Schlieve A-2 Vice President G. Colton B-1 Secretary H. Carlson C-1 Treasurer V. Thompson D-2 Sergeant-at-Arms J. Schwalb E-2
<u>Year 2010-11</u> President G. Colton B-1 Vice President H. Carlson C-1 Secretary V. Thompson D-2 Treasurer J. Schwalb E-2 Sergeant-at-Arms D. Schwanz A-1	<u>Year 2011-12</u> President H. Carlson C-1 Vice President V. Thompson D-2 Secretary J. Schwalb E-2 Treasurer D. Schwanz A-1 Sergeant-at-Arms New B	<u>Year 2012-13</u> President V. Thompson D-2 Vice President J. Schwalb E-2 Secretary D. Schwanz A-1 Treasurer Advancing B Sergeant-at-Arms New C
<u>Year 2013-14</u> President J. Schwalb E-2 Vice President D. Schwanz A-1 Secretary Advancing B Treasurer Advancing C Sergeant-at-Arms New D	<u>Year 2014-15</u> President D. Schwanz A-1 Vice President Advancing B Secretary Advancing C Treasurer Advancing D Sergeant-at-Arms New E	<u>Year 2015-16</u> President Advancing B Vice President Advancing C Secretary Advancing D Treasurer Advancing E Sergeant-at-Arms New A