

Proposed Lions 39W Constitution and By-Laws Changes

Delete the following from the By-Laws:

Article 1, Section 8

FUND TAX In lieu of or in addition to a district convention registration fee, an annual per capita district convention fund tax of seventeen dollars (\$17.00) U.S. currency may be levied upon each member of each club in the district and shall be collected and paid in advance by each club, except newly chartered and reorganized clubs, in two (2) semiannual payments as follows: eight and 50/100 dollars (\$8.50) U. S. currency per club member on September tenth of each year to cover the semi-annual period July 1 to December 31; and eight and 50/100 dollars (\$8.50), U.S. currency per club member on March tenth of each year to cover the semi-annual period January 1 to June 30, with billings of said tax to be based upon the roster of each club as of the first days of September and March, respectively. This tax shall be collected from the clubs by, and be remitted to, the cabinet secretary or cabinet treasurer (or secretary-treasurer), who shall deposit the monies so collected in a special account in a bank or other depository chosen by the district governor. The fund so collected shall be used exclusively for defraying expenses of district conventions and shall be expended only by district checks drawn and signed by the cabinet treasurer and countersigned by the district governor. Any club which is chartered or reorganized in a current fiscal year shall collect and pay said convention per capita tax for said fiscal year⁴ on a pro-rata basis from the first day of the second month following the date of its organization, as the case may be.

The following proposed changes will bring these sections in line with the Lions International Constitution and By-Laws as voted on at the 2011 Lions International Convention.

(Duties of the District Governor)

Delete the following:

Article IV, Section 1, (a)

Administer and promote membership growth and new club development.

Article IV, Section 1, (b)

Administer and promote leadership development at the club and district levels.

Add the following to the By-Laws:

Article IV, Section 1, (a)

Oversee the Global Membership Team at the district level and inspire other district officers to actively support membership growth and new club organization.

Article IV, Section 1, (b)

Oversee the Global Leadership Team at the district level and inspire other district officers to actively support leadership development at the club and district levels.

(Duties of the 1st Vice District Governor)

Delete the following from the By-Laws:

Article IV, Section 2, (g)

Work with the District Membership Committee and the District Extension Committee, and assist them to reach their goals of the year.

Article IV, Section 2, (h)

Work with the District Leadership Development Committee and assist the committee to develop and implement a district-wide leadership development plan to enhance the enthusiasm and capability of the district officers and members to serve effectively through utilization of the District MERL Team and integration of the team work with the districts leadership development efforts.

Add the following to the By-Laws:

Article IV, Section 2 (g)

Serve as the key District Governor Team liaison to the Global Membership Team and take an active role in membership growth, extension of new clubs, and ensuring existing club success within the district.

Article IV, Section 2 (h)

Work with the District Governor, Second Vice District Governor, and the Global Leadership Team to develop and implement a district-wide plan for leadership development.

(Duties of the 2nd Vice District Governor)

Delete the following from the By-Laws:

Article IV, Section 3 (h)

Work with the District Retention Committee, and assist the committee to prevent loss of clubs and members, particularly due to inactive club administration and /or financial problems or negligence.

Add the following to the By-Laws:

Article IV, Section 3 (h)

Serve as the key District Governor Team liaison to the Global Leadership Team and actively participate and inspire other district officers to administer and promote effective leadership development.

Article IV, Section 3 (i)

Work with the District Governor, First Vice District Governor, and the Global Membership Team to develop and implement a district-wide plan for membership growth.

Renumber the remaining paragraphs accordingly.