

MD18 LEO CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

E. THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS OF A MULTIPLE DISTRICT, WHERE TEN OR MORE LEO CLUBS WITH A CUMULATIVE MEMBERSHIP OF ONE HUNDRED OR MORE LEOS ARE SPONSORED BY LIONS CLUBS AND RECOGNIZED BY THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS, MAY AUTHORIZE THE FORMATION OF A LEO MULTIPLE DISTRICT ORGANIZATION, IN THIS CASE THE FOLLOWING STANDARD LEO MULTIPLE DISTRICT CONSTITUTION SHALL BE FOLLOWED.

MD18 Leo Multiple District Constitution

ARTICLE I

Name

This organization shall be known as Leo Multiple District No. 18 (Leo MD18).

ARTICLE II

Objects

To provide an administrative structure with which to advance the purposes and objects of the Leo Club Program in this multiple district.

ARTICLE III

Multiple District Organization

SECTION A - Requirements and Boundaries

When ten or more Leo clubs, with a cumulative membership of one hundred or more Leos are sponsored by Lions clubs in a Lions multiple district and recognized by The International Association of Lions Clubs, the council of governors of the said multiple district may approve the formation of a corresponding Leo multiple district. The territorial boundaries of the Leo multiple district shall coincide with the boundaries of the respective Lions multiple district.

SECTION B - Membership

The members of this organization shall be all officially recognized Leo clubs sponsored by Lions clubs in said multiple district. An election for the slate of officers to serve on the Council shall be held at each annual Leo Multiple District Conference / Convention.

SECTION C - Leo Multiple District Officers

1. Leo Multiple District President

An election for the office of Leo Multiple District President shall be held at each annual Leo Multiple District Conference / Convention.

(a) Qualifications:

(1) Member in good standing of recognized Leo club in her/his district.

(2) Have served as president of a Leo club for a full term of the association's fiscal year or major portion thereof. Major portion to be defined as no less than 8 months.

(3) Have received endorsement of a sponsoring Lions club.

(4) Have received endorsement of his/her Leo district (if established).

(b) Nominations:

Nominations or an Intent to run for office will be in writing (email acceptable) and to reach the Leo Multiple District Chair, no less than two (2) weeks, or fourteen (14) days prior to the election.

Nominations for the office of Leo Multiple District President shall:

a) Be made by any recognized Leo club in good standing in the respective multiple district; Effective October 4, 2010 XXIII-20;

b) Be endorsed by the Leo club of which the nominee is a member;

c) Be endorsed by his/her Leo district (if established);

d) Be endorsed by his/her sponsoring Lions club;

e) Be acknowledged by the duly qualified nominee as evidence of assent to the nomination.

In the event no written nominations are so made or no duly nominated candidate stands for election at the date of the Leo Multiple District 18 Conference, nominations of any qualified Leo for Leo Multiple district 18 President may be made by any delegate from the floor of the Leo multiple district conference, provided the eligibility of the candidate(s) is confirmed within 14 days of election.

(2) Election

The election of the Leo Multiple District President shall be by secret ballot, the following provisions applying thereto:

a) In the event there are only two (2) nominees, the nominee obtaining the majority of votes cast shall be declared elected. In the event of a tie, voting shall continue until one nominee receives such majority.

b) In the event there are three (3) or more nominees, the one receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected. If no nominee receives such majority on the first ballot, then balloting shall continue until one nominee receives such majority, providing that the nominee receiving the least number of votes on any ballot shall be dropped from the succeeding ballot.

c) In the event there is but one (1) nominee, then by majority vote the printed ballot rule may be suspended and a unanimous voice vote may be cast in favor of the said single nominee.

2. Leo Multiple District 1st Vice President

An annual election for the office of Leo multiple district vice president shall be held at each multiple district Conference / Convention. The qualifications for said office and the procedure for nomination and election thereto shall be the same as prescribed for the office of Leo multiple district president.

3. Dual Nominations

A Leo may be nominated and elected to the offices of multiple district president and multiple district vice president at the same multiple district conference, but may not serve in both offices at the same time. Such nominee's elimination in balloting for one such office shall not prohibit inclusion on the ballot for the other office. If elected to both, such nominee must thereon refuse one such office and balloting shall continue anew with respect to all other nominees for the office refused.

4. Vacancies

In the event a vacancy shall occur in the office of Leo multiple district president, the Leo multiple district vice president shall automatically advance to and fill said office. In the event the Leo multiple district vice president refuses to serve in the office of president for any reason, the multiple district Leo club chairperson or the designee of the multiple district council of governors shall fill the vacancy created by such refusal by appointment for the unexpired term.

5. Other Leo Multiple District Officers

The Leo multiple district president shall appoint, by the time office is taken, a Leo multiple district secretary and a Leo multiple district treasurer and such other multiple district officers as may be desired by a Leo multiple district conference or by the Leo multiple district council from time to time and as approved by the Lions multiple district council of governors.

We have in the past held elections for the remaining officers: 2nd Vice-President/Membership, 3rd Vice-President/Service, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, LEO Tamer, Tail Twister, Parliamentarian, etc. The positions of Secretary and Treasurer being elected using the same criteria for their offices as we used for the President and Vice President(s). Elections should take precedence over appointments.*

The position of Immediate Past President/LCIF Coordinator is added for continuity.* (*This was added at the March, 2013 Gathering, referred to committee and voted unanimously for addition herein.)

6. Leo Multiple District Council

There shall be a Leo multiple district council composed of the Leo multiple district president, the multiple district vice president, the multiple district secretary, the multiple district treasurer, all Leo district presidents and such other Leo multiple district officers as may be elected/appointed by the Leo multiple district president and as approved by the Lions multiple district council of governors. If Leo district presidents do not exist in a given Leo multiple district, then the presidents of each Leo club in said multiple district (or a delegated representative from each club) shall form part of the Leo multiple district council. Each council officer shall have one vote. The Lions appointed as multiple district chair and district chairs, shall be entitled to attend any council meeting, and advising in all deliberations of the council.

7. Multiple District Leo Club Chairperson

Besides serving on the Leo multiple district council, the multiple district Leo club chairperson shall also serve as the official liaison between the Lions Effective October 4, 2010 XXIII-21 council of governors and the Leo multiple district council. He/she shall report to the Lions council of governors all resolutions of the Leo multiple district conference/convention.

SECTION D - Leo Multiple District Council Meetings

1. Meetings of the Leo multiple district council shall be held at least twice annually at times and places fixed by the Leo multiple district president and approved by a majority of the members of the council and provided that one of

such meetings shall be held at the time of the Leo multiple district conference. Meeting announcements are to be sent to the appropriate parties of the Leo multiple district with 30 days advance notice by the president.

2. Quorum and Vote: The attendance of the voting members of the council able to attend shall constitute a quorum for any meeting thereof so long as proper notice has been provided. Council members will not be able to vote on business matters unless in-person or attending virtually. Elections will be conducted in-person.

SECTION E - Powers

Except where inconsistent with and contrary to the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation and Constitution and By-Laws of The International Association of Lions Clubs, the Lions Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws, the powers granted therein to the board of directors of said association and the policies and acts of said board of directors, the Leo multiple district council shall:

1. Have jurisdiction and control over all officers and agents, when acting as such, of the Leo multiple district council and all committees of the Leo multiple district and multiple district conference/convention;
2. Have management and control over the property, business and funds of the Leo multiple district;
3. Have jurisdiction, control and supervision over all phases of the Leo multiple district conference and all other meetings of said district;
4. Have original jurisdiction, when authorized under policy of said international board and under rules of procedure prescribed by said board, to hear and rule upon any complaint of a constitutional nature raised by any Leo sub-district, any Leo club, or any member of a Leo club in the said Leo district. All such rulings of the Leo council shall be subject to review and decision by the Lions council of governors of said multiple district and the Board of Directors of The International Association of Lions Clubs;
5. Have control and management of all budgetary matters of the Leo multiple district and committees of the Leo multiple district and Leo multiple district conference. All transactions shall be subject to approval of the Lions multiple district council of governors; and no obligations may be approved or made which shall affect an unbalanced budget or deficit in any fiscal year.

ARTICLE IV

Leo Multiple District Conference / Convention

a. A Leo multiple district conference / convention shall be held annually. The location of this conference shall be as determined by a previous annual Leo multiple district conference. The date and time of the conference shall be determined by the current Leo multiple district council with the approval of the Lions multiple district council.

b. Each recognized Leo club in good standing in the Leo multiple district shall be entitled to one voting delegate for each ten members of the club in good standing or major fraction thereof. The major fraction referred to in this section shall be five or more members. Delinquent dues may be paid and good standing acquired at any time prior to the close of credential certification as such closing time shall be established by the rules of the respective conference.

A vote may be cast only by a delegate present in-person at the time of voting and no delegate may cast more than one vote on any question. Exception: Virtual meetings and votes to be taken as determined the Council.

c. A majority of the delegates present in person at any session shall constitute a quorum.

d. A simple majority vote of delegates present in person at a session shall be sufficient for the adoption or rejection of any resolution before the conference. All action by a Leo multiple district conference shall be subject to countermanding and rejection by action of the Lions council of governors or by action of said International Board of Directors, alone, in neither of which events such action shall be null and void and of no force and effect.

ARTICLE V

Leo Multiple District Funds

A. To provide revenue to defray the administrative expenses of this Leo multiple district, an annual per capita tax of \$1.25(US) per year shall be levied upon each member of each club in the Leo multiple district, subject to the approval of the Lions multiple district council of governors. The levy shall be collected and paid in advance by each Leo club to the Leo multiple district secretary.

The frequency and date for such payments shall be determined by the respective Leo multiple district conference. All taxes so levied and collected shall be administered through a Leo multiple district administration fund. Expenditures therefrom shall be for such items only as are approved by the Leo multiple district council, which council shall not incur any financial liability in excess of funds realized in the fiscal year in which it serves.

B. A banking account shall be opened for the purpose of receiving monies and all checks and negotiable Effective October 4, 2010 XXIII-22 Effective October 4, 2010 XXIII-23 instruments drawn thereon shall be signed by the Leo multiple district secretary and countersigned by a designee of the Lions council of governors.

C. The Leo multiple district council shall provide for an annual audit of the Leo multiple district accounts by an auditor appointed by the Leo multiple district council. Audited balance sheets and income and expenditure accounts for the previous fiscal year shall be submitted at each annual Leo multiple district conference, and to the Lions multiple district council of governors.

D. Any undeposited Leo multiple district administration fund collections remaining at the end of each fiscal year shall be turned over forthwith to the incoming Leo multiple district council by the person or persons holding he same, and such collections together with any multiple district administration fund account balances then remaining shall be considered as funds realized by the incoming Leo multiple district council.

Article VI

Only the titles designated in this constitution may be used by Leo multiple district officers.

Article VII

Bylaws

The Leo multiple district council shall present, and Leo multiple conference shall adopt, such bylaws as are deemed necessary to the efficient operations of said Leo multiple district provided, however, that all such bylaws shall be consistent with the provisions' of this constitution, shall be endorsed by the Lions multiple district council of governors, and shall be approved by the board of directors of Lions Clubs International or its designee. Any bylaws or amendments thereto, which shall contravene any provision of this constitution or action of said board of directors or its designee shall be null and void and of no effect.

Article VIII

Duration

A. This Leo multiple district shall cease to exist upon the first to occur of the following:

1. Vote of the said Leo multiple district to terminate.
2. Receipt by the Leo multiple district president of written notice of the withdrawal of sponsorship by the Lions multiple district council of governors.
3. Receipt by the Leo multiple district president of a written notice of cancellation by The International Association of Lions Clubs.

B. By virtue of this termination, provided in Section A, all rights and privileges relating to the use of the Leo name and the Leo emblem on a multiple district level shall thereon be relinquished and surrendered by the member of said multiple district, individually or collectively. All monies on deposit to the credit of said Leo multiple district shall be remitted to the Lions multiple district council of governors.

Article IX

Amendments

This constitution may be amended only by action of the Board of Directors of Lions Clubs International and all amendments when so adopted shall automatically amend and become provisions of this constitution. Any amendments made by the Leo Council shall be forwarded to LCI for approval.

Article X

The fiscal year of this Leo multiple district shall run from July 1 to June 30.