

## CHAPTER XXII LEO CLUB PROGRAM

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### A. STATEMENT OF POLICY OF THE LEO CLUB PROGRAM

1. **A Youth Program** is hereby established as an official activity of Lions Clubs International. It shall be affected and implemented solely in accordance with policy established from time to time by the board of directors of Lions Clubs International.
2. **Purpose:** The purpose of this official Youth Program is:
  - a. to make available to Lions clubs an activity whereby they may serve the needs of youths in their respective areas;
  - b. to provide the youth of the world an opportunity for development and contribution, individually and collectively, as responsible members of the local, national and international communities; and
  - c. to promote service activities among the youth of the community to develop the individual qualities of LEADERSHIP, EXPERIENCE AND OPPORTUNITY, and to unite its members in friendship, fellowship and mutual understanding.
3. **Program Name and Emblem:**
  - a. The name of the Youth Program shall be Leo Club International Program and all clubs recognized thereunder shall be known as Leo clubs.
  - b. The emblem of the Leo Club International Program and Leo clubs shall be two lion heads facing outwards from each other divided by a vertical bar with the letters L E O from top to bottom.
  - c. The Leo name and emblem are the sole property of Lions Clubs International, and all authority for and obligation with respect to protection and preservation thereof shall rest in and is retained by Lions Clubs International.
  - d. ~~Leo clubs shall adopt names chosen or approved by the sponsoring Lions club(s).~~
  - e. ~~At the initiating club's option, the title "Castores" may be inserted after the title "Leo" in the Leo club's formal identification, provided that:~~
    - ~~(1) this option is extended only to Leo clubs in Brazil;~~
    - ~~(2) all Leo clubs exercising this option observe and adhere to the standard Leo Club Constitution and all the rules and regulations of the Leo Club Program; and~~

~~(3) all such clubs are considered bona fide and fully certified clubs within the Leo Club Program.~~

#### 4. Leo Club

##### a. Leo Club Names

- (1) Leo clubs shall adopt names approved by the sponsoring Lions club(s).
- (2) Leo clubs are not required to utilize the name of the municipality or its equivalent governmental subdivision in which it is located.
- (3) Leo clubs shall not be named after living individuals except those individuals who have served in the position as president of Lions Clubs International.
- (4) Clubs requesting a name that is the same or similar to one being utilized by another Leo club may be required to use a distinguishing designation. The distinguishing designation may be any name which clearly identifies the club from all other clubs.
- (5) When including a company or trademarked name in naming of a Leo club, a letter or document demonstrating that the company has authorized the use of its corporate name in connection with the naming of the club must be provided (for example, a letter from a corporate representative on company letterhead) prior to approving the name of a club that includes a company name.

##### b. Categories

- (1) **Alpha membership:** A member of the Leo club who is 12 years of age to 18 years of age.
- (2) **Omega membership:** A member of the Leo club who is 18 years of age to 30 years of age.

5. **Jurisdiction:** The board of directors of Lions Clubs International shall have and does hereby retain all authority, control and supervision over all aspects of the Leo Club International Program, including but not by way of limitation, establishment and implementation of constitutional, organization, procedural and all other operating requirements of said program and methods for enforcement of the same.

#### 6. Constitution:

- a. The board of directors of Lions Clubs International shall frame, and all Leo clubs shall adopt and be governed by a Standard Leo Club Constitution.
- b. All activities, projects, and programs of Leo clubs shall be conducted in harmony with the Standard Leo Club Constitution and all amendments thereto and with the

policies of Lions Clubs International. The Board of Directors of Lions Clubs International, only, shall have power to amend the Standard Leo Club Constitution.

- c. Each Leo club may adopt by-laws which shall be consistent with the Standard Leo Club Constitution and with policy established by Lions Clubs International. These by-laws and any subsequent amendments shall be subject to the approval of the sponsoring Lions clubs.
- d. The board of Directors of Lions Clubs International shall and hereby does adopt the Standard Form Club Constitution and By-Laws set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto, as the recommended form for all Leo clubs and decrees the same, as amended from time to time by the board, shall be and hereby is deemed to be the duly adopted constitution and by-laws of each and every Leo club which fails to adopt a constitution and by-laws of its own.

## **7. Sponsorship:**

- a. No youth group or organization shall be recognized as a Leo club by Lions Clubs International unless sponsored by a Lions club. No Lions club may sponsor a Leo club except in accordance with the Leo Club International Program policies established from time to time by the board of directors of Lions Clubs International.
- b. A Leo club shall be a “Lions club sponsored affiliation.”
- c. The sponsoring Lions club is responsible for the organization, supervision and guidance of the Leo club, which club shall be certified and recognized by Lions Clubs International so long as it operates within the policies established by Lions Clubs International.
- d. Where the Leo club is school-based, guidance and supervision by the sponsoring Lions club shall be exercised in full cooperation with the school authorities, and be subject to the same regulations and policies established by the school authorities for all student organizations and extracurricular activities of the school.
- e. Each school-based Leo club shall be sponsored by the Lions club whose territorial limits include, wholly or partially, the district area of the school and/or schools, from which the members are drawn. Each community-based club shall be organized within the boundaries of the single or sub-district of the sponsoring Lions club. Written authority may be granted by the board of directors of Lions Clubs International to organize a Leo club outside the territorial limits of the sponsoring Lions club.
- f. Two or more Lions clubs may jointly sponsor a Leo club. Membership is open to the entire territorial limits of all jointly sponsoring Lions clubs. Artificial divisions of single student bodies will be avoided. All sponsoring Lions clubs will have equal representation on the Advisory Committee. However, one Lions club must be designated as liaison with the Lions Clubs International Headquarters.

- g. Leo clubs may draw their memberships from student populations or from the community at large, including employed individuals and professionals in training. Leo clubs may be organized within schools, community organizations, churches, and other entities, whether in cities or rural areas.
- h. The sponsoring Lions club shall appoint the Leo club advisor as a member of the club's board of directors.

## **8. Operating Procedures**

- a. To create a Leo club, a sponsoring Lions club must complete and submit a Leo Club Organization Report. Once approved, the sponsoring Lions club will receive a certificate of organization.
- b. A Certificate of Organization signed by the international president shall be forwarded to the sponsoring Lions club for formal presentation to the Leo club at an appropriately planned meeting.
- c. Thereafter, each year the sponsoring Lions club shall be billed by Lions Clubs International. Likewise, the Leo club secretary, under the supervision of the Leo club advisor, shall submit to the international office an up-to-date membership report which includes Leo officers and members on or before the first day of July each year. The annual membership report shall be made available to the sponsoring Lions club and the Leo club via the Lion Portal. It is the responsibility of the sponsoring Lions club president to ensure that the report is completed by the deadline specified.
- d. The Leo club may, through the sponsoring Lions club, secure for its Leo club members various items bearing the Leo club emblem from LCI Club Supplies. Such purchases may be shipped and billed to the Lions club's account or paid via one of the payment methods offered by LCI Club Supplies. Reimbursement to the Lions club may be made by the Leo club members through its regular procedure for handling such administrative funds.
- e. District and multiple district Leo club chairpersons shall prepare an annual officer report on Leo district or multiple district leadership in their areas respectively and submit it to the international office no later than July 1 of each fiscal year. This report where appropriate shall specify the names of the duly elected Leo district and multiple district officers. The report shall be made available to district governors and multiple district council chairpersons. It shall be the responsibility of the district governor and the council chairpersons where appropriate to ensure that the report is completed and submitted by the deadline specified.
- f. The name and contact information of the Leo club advisor of each Leo club shall be reported to the international office annually.

- g. The position of district Leo club chairperson and multiple district Leo club chairperson shall be recommended in those districts and multiple districts where the Leo Club Program exists.
- h. The Leo Club Certificate of Organization shall show the endorsements of the international president, secretary of the association and the president of the sponsoring Lions club.
- i. At time of certification, or when there is a change or a confirmation of club status, each Leo club shall declare itself as an Alpha Leo club or an Omega Leo club by notifying International Headquarters. Alpha Leo club members are between the ages of 12 and 18 years old, Omega club members are between the ages of 18 and 30 years old.

## 8. Finances

- a. Lions Clubs International recognizes the importance of providing a suitable level of resources and support to Leo clubs and sponsoring Lions clubs throughout the association's constitutional areas. In order to maintain the resources and support necessary for the ongoing growth and development of the Leo Club Program, the association issues an annual Leo levy/fee to all Lions clubs that sponsor an active Leo club. The rate of the annual Leo levy is periodically reviewed by the Membership Development Committee to ensure that the amount being billed is adequate to maintain pace with the ongoing growth and development of the Leo Club Program. Such reviews may, from time to time, result in an increase of the annual Leo levy.
- b. Each Lions club sponsoring a Leo club with under 200 reported members shall receive a flat annual billing of US\$100.00. Sponsoring Lions clubs with Leo clubs with membership greater than 200 members will be assessed as listed below.

Number of Members	Levy or Organization amount in USD
200 or less	100
201-300	200
301-400	300
401-500	400

An organizing Leo club with more than 500 members requires permission from the Membership Development Committee (MDC) before formation. Existing Leo clubs with more than 500 members require permission from the MDC prior to the addition of new members and would be assessed an additional US\$100 for every 100 members over 200.

Payment of this levy may be made in US dollars or its equivalent in the respective national currency. (*Effective July 1, 2026.*)

- c. The Leo club levy may be paid from the sponsoring Lions club's undesignated activity account.

- d. Credit for a terminated Leo club shall be given only if a signed Leo Club Termination Form from the sponsoring Lions club, addressed to the International Headquarters, is received by October 31. Credit shall be given only for the current fiscal year.
- e. No part of the expenses of the Leo club officers or meetings of Leo clubs or groups of Leo clubs shall be paid by Lions Clubs International, other than through the provision of approved grants. However, when an International Leo Forum is authorized by the board, the necessary budget for incidental expenses such as promotion, visual aids, luncheon, etc., may be provided.
- f. Costs involved in arranging any meetings of Leo clubs or groups of Leo clubs should be kept as low as possible, consistent with effective meetings and meaningful programs.
- g. It is the responsibility of the Leo club's membership to raise the funds necessary to carry out the program of the club.
- h. Leo clubs may solicit or accept financial assistance from their sponsoring Lions club.
- i. Leo clubs may make solicitations for financial assistance from Lions clubs other than their sponsor or from other Leo clubs only when such funds will be used to assist the public.
- j. Leo clubs shall not solicit individuals, businesses or organizations in their respective communities for any purpose, without giving something of value in return.
- k. Any dues or assessments on the membership of any Leo club should be nominal and should be only for the purpose of covering the cost of administering the club; generally speaking, funds for activities and projects undertaken by Leo clubs should be raised by such clubs apart from such dues or assessments.
- l. Lions clubs and Lions district conventions inviting members of Leo clubs to participate in the programs of such clubs and conventions and/or conferences shall subscribe to sufficient accident insurance to protect the Lions club or district convention against any possible legal or moral obligation.
- m. An organization fee in the amount of US\$100.00 shall be required for all new Leo clubs and billed to the sponsoring Lions club. The fee may be paid from either the Lions club's administrative account or from the Lions club's undesignated activity account.
- n. The General Reimbursement Policy will apply to travel and expenses.

## 9. Sanctions

- a. A member of a Leo club shall relinquish all rights and privileges pertaining to membership therein, including the right to wear and display the Leo club emblem when:

- They cease to be a member, or
- Their club ceases to function, or
- They reach an age one year greater than the maximum age limit, or
- They cease to be a member in good standing.

### LEO CLUB TERMINATION PROCEDURE

To officially cancel a Leo club, a sponsoring Lions club shall follow these procedures:

- (1) In instances where a sponsoring Lions club is considering cancelling its Leo club, the matter shall be brought before the Lions club's membership at a regular meeting. If a simple majority of the members in good standing vote to terminate sponsorship of the Leo club, the Lions club shall submit a Leo Club Termination Form to International Headquarters. After receipt of the termination form, the international office shall then process cancellation of the Leo club.
- (2) A minimum of 30 days prior to the sponsoring Lions club vote to determine if its sponsored Leo club will be cancelled, the district governor shall be informed by an officer of the sponsoring Lions club in writing of the club's intent to cancel the Leo club.

- b. A Leo club shall be terminated:

Upon determination of its membership, or

By withdrawal of sponsorship by its sponsoring Lions club, or

By withdrawal of recognition by Lions Clubs International, with or without the consent, approval or concurrence of the sponsoring Lions club, for failure to function in accordance with its constitution or for other cause.

### (1) PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES FOR REVIEWING LEO CLUB CONTINUATION

When a Lions club wishes to cancel its Leo club without the agreement of the Leo club members, the Lions club shall give the Leo club ninety (90) days' notice

along with a written report listing reasons for cancellation. A copy of this report shall be sent to the following officers:

- i. Leo club advisor
- ii. district Leo club chairperson
- iii. multiple district Leo club chairperson (if any)
- iv. Leo district president or Leo/Leo-Lion cabinet liaison (if any)
- v. Leo multiple district president (if any)
- vi. District governor

The sponsoring Lions club's board of directors shall allow the above-named officers an opportunity to become acquainted with the situation and to consult with them. The district cabinet, when reviewing the question, shall give the Leo district president, the Leo/Leo-Lion cabinet liaison, or the Leo multiple district president, if any, the opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions.

If problems cannot be resolved through the intervention of district officers within the ninety-day period, the matter shall be brought before the Lions club's membership at a regular meeting. If a simple majority of the members in good standing vote to terminate sponsorship of the Leo club, the Lions club shall submit the Leo Club Termination Form (Leo-86) to the international office, with copies to the above-named officers, as applicable. After receipt of the report, the international office shall then process cancellation of the Leo club.

- c. The International Board of Directors, as a matter of policy, shall not allow any individual or organization, except Lions Clubs International, to circularize Leo clubs for any purpose.
- d. A Leo club whose sponsoring Lions club has been cancelled shall have a 180-day grace period in which to find a new sponsoring Lions club and avoid termination.

## 10. Awards

~~a. Attendance awards shall be designed for Leos to be presented to the Leos by the sponsoring Lions club. The same shall be a catalog item to be purchased by the sponsoring club.~~

- a. The present attendance tab which is sold by the Club Supplies and Distribution Division for use with regular Lions lapel buttons shall also be sold to the Lions clubs to be given to Leo members and used with Leo club lapel pins.



- b. Leo Club Sponsorship Recognition Certificates, signed by the Lions Clubs International President, shall be issued, one to the president and one to the advisor from the sponsoring Lions club, upon reporting of each new Leo club.
- c. A Leo Award of Honor shall be instituted, to be given by Leo clubs to an individual club member for outstanding service, and shall be made available as a catalog sale item.

## **10. International Leo Forum**

An International Leo Forum may be held from time to time in conjunction with the annual Lions International Convention.

## **11. Leo Area Forums**

Leo area forums may be organized for the purposes of promoting the principles and objectives of Lions Clubs International and the Leo Club Program; training, educating, and motivating Leos; providing for exchange of information and discussion of service activities; and encouraging fellowship and team building among Leos and Lions. Guidelines and support for such events shall be set forth in the Leo Area Forum Guide.

## **12. District Organization Relating to Leo Clubs**

- a. For purposes of publicizing, promoting, and organizing Leo clubs within their districts, the governors are requested to appoint District Leo Advisory Committees, chosen from the Lion leaders, vice district governors, zone persons, past district governors, district Leo chairperson, Leo/Leo-Lion council liaison (if appointed) and officers of sponsoring Lions clubs. The district governor and district officers serve to advise and assist Lions and Leo clubs, but their authority shall be confined to district matters only. This policy will also apply to the council of governors with respect to multiple district matters.
- b. Wherever two or more Leo clubs are conveniently located, they should be encouraged to hold interclub meetings with representatives of the District Leo Advisory Committee present. When circumstances permit, district wide meetings may be held.
- c. All meetings shall be arranged at a minimum cost and within the financial means of those participating. No expense of the Leo district organization or its officers shall be paid by Lions Clubs International.
- d. All Leo meetings or conferences held beyond multiple district boundaries shall be held either in conjunction with an official Lions event or under the joint sponsorship and jurisdiction of the appropriate Lions districts or multiple districts.

e. Leo/Leo-Lion Cabinet Liaison

The district governor, in consultation with the district Leo chairperson may choose to appoint a Leo or a Leo-Lion to serve a one-year term in an official non-voting capacity. The Leo/Leo-Lion cabinet liaison shall represent the interests and perspectives of Leos and Leo-Lions and facilitate the communication and connection between Leos and Lions. In areas with a Leo district, the role shall be filled by a Leo-Lion or Leo, who is a current or past Leo district president, vice-president, secretary or treasurer. In areas where no Leo district has been formed, the role shall be filled by a Leo or a Leo-Lion who is a current or former Leo club president.

In addition to their other responsibilities, in areas with no Leo districts, the cabinet liaison position may be used to support the district Leo chairperson in organizing Leo clubs and members and encourage the formation of a Leo district.

f. Leo Club Chairperson Term of Office

The term of office for the district and multiple district Leo club chairperson shall be three years, assuming continuing fulfillment of responsibilities, and shall be subject to the approval of the subsequent district governors or council of governors and the council chairperson, respectively.

### **13. Rules for Leo Attendance Make-up and Credit**

- a. Absence from a regular meeting of a Leo club may be made up within the time limit of 13 days prior to and 13 days following the date of the meeting missed in any one of the following ways:
  - (1) Attendance at a meeting of any other Leo club, regular or special;
  - (2) Attendance at a meeting of the member's home club's board of directors;
  - (3) Attendance at a duly constituted meeting of a standing committee of the member's home club;
  - (4) Attendance at any meeting scheduled or sponsored by the member's own club, including club fundraising and service activities;
  - (5) Attendance at a Leo district meeting;
  - (6) Attendance at a Lions Clubs International Convention, a district or multiple district Leo Conference, or any other recognized Leo meeting.
- b. A member who is forced to miss a meeting or meetings by reason of illness shall automatically be granted attendance credit for meetings missed upon furnishing acceptable evidence of said illness.

- c. A member who is forced to miss meetings as a result of military service, jury duty, or other statutory requirements, shall be given attendance credit for meetings missed. In each case the club board of directors shall decide if credit should be given for the missed meetings.
- d. Any Leo who finds it necessary or is assigned to perform occupational duties for an extended period of time in a place from which they cannot readily attend a Leo club meeting may, at the discretion of their club, be granted credit for meetings missed.
- e. Responsibility shall be placed on the Leo club secretary to verify the member has fulfilled attendance requirements.

### **15. Leo Years of Service**

- a. In October 1996, the International Board of Directors approved a special certificate that can be given to any Leo in good standing, who terminates membership in a Leo club, for any reason. The purpose of the certificate is to recognize a Leo's service to the Leo club and community.
- b. Effective September 1, 1997, former Leo club members may include their Leo years of active service in their Lions club membership histories. Current and former Leos must have been a Leo for at least one year and one day to receive credit for their Leo years of active service as part of their Lions club membership histories.
- c. The district governor, Guiding Lion or Lions Club secretary shall complete a Leo to Lion Certification form (LL2) or submit via the Lion Portal for each current or former Leo transitioning to membership to verify active Leo membership years and age.

### **16. Important Leo Dates**

- a. April – Leo Club Awareness Month
- b. October – Leo Membership Growth Month
- c. December 5 – International Leo Day

### **17. Leo Club Program Advisory Panel**

The purpose of the Leo Club Program Advisory Panel is to provide Leos and Lions with an opportunity to represent their respective constituents in matters which affect the Leo Club Program. The panel acts in an advisory capacity with Lions Clubs International as it evaluates issues related to the program. Panel members also serve as advocates and ambassadors of the Leo Club Program, helping ensure the development of the Leo program worldwide. When appropriate, items which impact the program shall be presented to the Lions Clubs International Board of Directors for consideration and final approval.

a. Composition

The panel shall be comprised of two Lions and two Leos from each constitutional area. Each year one Lion and one Leo from each constitutional area will be selected. Panelists will serve a two-year term. Leo panelists must remain a member in good standing in an active Leo club for the duration of their term. Lion panelists must remain an active member in good standing in a Lions club for the duration of their term.

To aid in communication and collaboration, a panel chairperson and co-chairperson may be identified to support the entire panel. The panel may be divided into committees as necessary and appropriate to fulfill the responsibilities of the panel. When such committees are utilized, a chairperson and co-chairperson may also be identified for each committee.

b. Qualifications

(1) Leos

- i. Candidates shall be current Leo members in good standing in an active Leo club.
- ii. Candidates shall meet the Leo Club Program age requirements outlined in the Board Policy Manual.
- iii. Candidates shall have been reported as a current or past Leo club, district, or multiple district officer (president, vice president, secretary, treasurer or a membership chairperson).

(2) Lions

- i. Candidates shall be current Lion members in good standing in an active Lions club.
- ii. Candidates shall have been reported as one of the following:
  - a) A current district or multiple district Leo chairperson.
  - b) A past district or multiple district Leo chairperson.
  - c) A past Leo district or multiple district officer (president, vice president, secretary, treasurer or a membership chairperson).
  - d) If there are not enough candidates that fill the above requirements, Leo club advisors who have served for at least three years will be considered.

c. Applications

(1) Leos

- i. Multiple district Leo chairpersons shall approve one current or past Leo multiple district officer each fiscal year.
- ii. District Leo chairpersons shall approve one current or past Leo district officer OR one current or past Leo club officer each fiscal year.

(2) Lions

- i. Council chairpersons shall approve one current or past multiple district Leo chairperson OR one past Leo multiple district officer each fiscal year.
- ii. District governors shall approve one current or past district Leo chairperson OR one past Leo district officer each fiscal year.

d. Selection Process

- (1) Applications shall be submitted each fiscal year via official application form to the International Headquarters by the deadline indicated on the official form in use for the fiscal year in which the candidate is applying.
- (2) Applicants shall be compiled, reviewed and presented to the Membership Development Committee each fiscal year for final panel member selection. In addition, the Membership Development Committee will select one Lion and one Leo from each constitutional area as alternates, in the event a member of the panel is unable to complete the two-year term.

e. Panel Member Responsibilities.

- (1) Collaborate with other panelists, Multiple District and District Leo Chairpersons, Leo/Leo-Lion Cabinet and Council Liaisons, Leo Club Advisors, other Leo leaders and Leos within their constitutional area.
- (2) Review and promote Lions International's initiatives and resources.
- (3) Serve on assigned committees.
- (4) Support the panel's goals that are established annually and efforts to increase accurate membership and officer reporting.
- (5) Attend appropriate in-person events to promote the Leo Club Program.

## EXHIBIT A

### YELLOW SHADED AREA

Mandatory provisions pursuant to the Leo Club Constitution and By-Laws and board policy effective July 2025.

### GREY SHADED AREA

Recent changes.

NONE

Permissive provisions.

### *Constitution and By-Laws*

*The Leo Club of* \_\_\_\_\_

## STANDARD LEO CLUB CONSTITUTION

### ARTICLE I

#### Name

The name of this organization is the Leo Club of \_\_\_\_\_

### ARTICLE II

#### Purpose

To promote service activities among the youth of the community which will develop the individual qualities of Leadership, Experience and Opportunity. To unite its members in friendship, fellowship and mutual understanding.

### ARTICLE III

#### Sponsorship

- A. This club is sponsored by the Lions Club(s) of \_\_\_\_\_, but it is not a part thereof, and neither this club nor any of its members has any rights or privileges pertaining to said Lions club(s) or membership therein.
- B. The entire operation of this club shall be guided and supervised by the Lions Club of \_\_\_\_\_. Such guidance and supervision shall be exercised in one of the following ways, the choice to be a joint decision of the sponsoring Lions club(s) and the Leo club.
1. The presence of one or more members of the sponsoring Lions club at every meeting of the Leo club or its board of directors; or

2. By a monthly joint meeting of three representatives of each club, to discuss mutual interests and plans, and to review actions taken by the Leo club and/or its board of directors. In the event of disagreement between the representatives, the ultimate decision shall rest with the sponsoring Lions club; or
3. By submitting for approval within 15 days by Leo club officers a specific report or copy of minutes of any meeting held to the sponsoring club secretary or authorized delegate or representative. The sponsoring club then has the prerogative to call for a meeting between three representatives of the Leo club and three representatives of the sponsoring club to discuss items of mutual interest or plans. In the event of disagreement between the representatives the ultimate decision shall rest with the sponsoring Lions club.

C. If the operation of this club shall depend, in any way, upon the cooperation of any school officials, then all school policies and regulations as interpreted by such officials shall be faithfully observed by this Leo club and its members.

#### ARTICLE IV Projects

- A. Subject to the provisions of Article III, this club shall plan and implement, with its own manpower, service projects within its community. Full responsibility for such projects shall rest in this club except where the same is shared in a joint project with another Leo club or other organization.
- B. Projects shall be financed with funds raised by this club, provided, however, that no funds shall be solicited from any individual, business or organization in the community without giving something of value in return, therefore.

C. This club shall not:

~~1. Solicit or accept more than occasional financial assistance from the Lions Club of \_\_\_\_\_ or any member thereof;~~

1. Solicit financial assistance from any non-sponsoring Lions club when such funds are not to be used to support the public;
2. Solicit financial assistance from any other Leo club when such funds are not to be used to support the public.

D. No portion of the net income resulting from any financial program in which funds are raised from the public shall be used directly or indirectly to benefit this club or any member thereof.

## ARTICLE V Membership

- A. Each Leo club shall declare itself as either an Alpha Leo club or an Omega Leo club by reporting to International Headquarters. All club members shall meet the age requirements of the chosen club category.

Membership shall be granted in a Leo club to any person who possesses good character, who shall be deemed eligible by the Leo club ~~committee of the sponsoring Lions club or clubs.~~ Wherever the male gender or pronoun presently appears in the Standard Leo Club Constitution and By-Laws, it shall be interpreted to mean all persons.

**B. Classes:** Membership in this Leo club shall be as follows:

1. **Active:** A member entitled to all rights and privileges and subject to all obligations which membership in a Leo club confers or implies. Without limiting such rights and obligations, such rights shall include eligibility to seek, if otherwise qualified, any office in the Leo club and in the Leo district or multiple district of which the club may form part and right to vote on all matters requiring a vote of the membership; and such obligations shall include regular attendance, prompt payment of dues; participation in Leo club activities, and conduct reflecting a favorable image of the Leo club in the community.
2. **Member-at-Large:** A member of this Leo club who has moved from the community, or because of health or other legitimate reason, is unable regularly to attend Leo club meetings and desires to retain membership in the Leo club, and upon whom the board of directors of the Leo club desires to confer this status. This status shall be reviewed each six months by the board of directors of the Leo club. A member-at-large shall not be eligible to hold office or to vote at Leo district or multiple district conferences but shall pay such dues as the Leo club may require.
3. ~~**Alpha membership:** A member of the Leo club who is 12 years of age to 18 years of age.~~
4. ~~**Omega membership:** A member of the Leo club who is 18 years of age to 30 years of age.~~

**C. Termination:** Membership in this Leo club shall cease and terminate automatically upon:

1. Reaching an age one year greater than the maximum age limit.
2. Termination of existence of this Leo club as provided in Article XV.
3. Vote therefore of no less than two-thirds (2/3) of all members in good standing.

**D. Transfer Membership:** This Leo club may grant membership on a transfer basis to a Leo who has terminated or is terminating membership in another Leo club, provided that:



1. ~~A notification for transfer of membership is received by the new Leo club, with a copy to the sponsoring Lions club secretary, from the Lions club sponsoring the former Leo club, within six months following the date of termination of membership in the former club;~~
2. such termination was in good standing; and
3. the age of the transferring member falls within the established age range applying to the new Leo club.

If more than ~~six months~~ have one year has elapsed between termination of membership in a Leo club and application for transfer to another Leo club, an applicant may acquire membership in this Leo club only under the provisions of Section A of this Article V.

- E. ~~Each Leo club shall declare itself as either an Alpha Leo club or an Omega Leo club by reporting to International Headquarters.~~

## ARTICLE VI Meetings

### A. Club Meetings:

1. Regular business meetings of this Leo club shall be held at times and places set forth in the by-laws.
2. The club president may at any time call, or upon written request to them by no less than ten (10) members in good standing, a special meeting of the club. Such call may be given verbally or in writing, but it shall be given to each member in good standing and shall designate a time and place convenient to such members and the purpose of such meeting. Such notice, if written, shall be considered as given when mailed or sent electronically to a member at their address as shown on the club records at the time of mailing.
3. Quorum: The presence in person of a majority of the members in good standing shall be necessary for a quorum at any regular or special meeting of this club.

### B. Board of Directors Meetings:

1. Regular business meetings of the board of directors shall be held at times and places as provided in the by-laws but in no event less than once each month.
2. The president may at any time call, and upon the written request of any members of the board shall call, a special meeting of the board. Such call may be given verbally or in writing, but it shall be given to every member thereof, and shall designate a time and place convenient to such members and the purpose of such meeting. Such notice, if written, shall be considered as given when mailed or sent electronically and addressed to the member at their address shown on the club records at the time of mailing.

3. The presence in person of the president or vice president and any three (3) other members of the board shall be necessary for a quorum at any regular or special meetings of the board.
4. Any member of this Leo club in good standing shall have the right to attend any regular or special meetings of the board of directors, but no such member may speak at any board meeting except by consent of the board.

## ARTICLE VII Officers

- A. The officers of this Leo club shall be a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, membership chairperson (if any), and such other officer(s) as may be provided in the by-laws. Officers shall be members in good standing and shall serve for a term of one (1) year or until their successors have been elected and qualified. No member may hold two (2) offices simultaneously.
- B. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Leo president, the term may be extended, but not beyond three years.
- C. Unless specifically provided otherwise in this constitution, the duties of the officers shall be those assigned to their respective offices under Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

## ARTICLE VIII Board of Directors

Subject to the provisions of Article III:

- A. The control and supervision of the business and affairs of this club shall rest in a board of directors composed of all officers of the club and three (3) directors elected from the members in good standing.
- B. The board of directors, through the club officers, shall be responsible for the execution of the policies approved by the club. All new business and policy of this club shall be considered and shaped, first, by the board of directors for presentation to and approval by the club members at a regular or special club meeting.
- C. The board of directors shall have general control over all committees and officers, may override the decision or action of any officer, and for good cause, may declare any office vacant and appoint a member in good standing to fill any unexpired term thereof.
- D. The board of directors shall present an annual report of its operations to the club membership and to the sponsoring Lions club.

## **ARTICLE IX Elections**

Elections of officers and directors shall be held at times and in accordance with procedures deemed proper by the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee of the Lions Club of \_\_\_\_\_, but in no election shall a vote greater than a simple majority of the votes cast be necessary for election.

## **ARTICLE X Committees**

The by-laws shall provide for finance, project and such other standing committees as may be deemed necessary for administration of the club. The president, with the approval of the board, may appoint such special committees as they deem necessary from time to time.

## **ARTICLE XI Fees and Dues**

- A. This club shall charge such additional fees and dues as the Lions Club of \_\_\_\_ shall deem proper to meet administrative costs of the Leo club, including the amount of any annual payment due Lions Clubs International by the sponsoring Lions club, which amount may be reimbursed by the Leo club to the sponsoring Lions club.
- B. Any member who shall owe this club any monetary obligation at the time of any vote at any regular or special meeting, or at any other time at which the question of good standing is raised, shall automatically forfeit the privilege of voting by virtue thereof and be considered for all purposes as not in good standing so long as said obligations remain unpaid.

## **ARTICLE XII**

By accepting membership herein, each member of this club thereby agrees to uphold and be bound by the provisions of the constitution and by-laws of this club.

## **ARTICLE XIII By-Laws**

The board of directors of this club shall present, and the members in good standing of this club shall adopt, such by-laws as are deemed necessary to the efficient operation of this club; provided, however, that all such by-laws shall be consistent with the provisions of this constitution. Any by-laws, or amendments thereto or repeal thereof, which shall contravene any provision of this constitution shall be null and void and of no effect.

## ARTICLE XIV

### Emblem

- A. The emblem of the ~~Lions Clubs International~~ the Leo Club Program and Leo clubs shall be two lion heads facing outwards from each other divided by a vertical bar with the letters L E O from top to bottom.
- B. The emblem of ~~Lions Clubs International~~ the Leo Club Program shall be preserved for the exclusive use and benefit of Leo club members. Each member of this club shall be entitled to wear or otherwise display the same in a dignified and appropriate manner during the period of their membership. A member shall relinquish such entitlement upon termination of their membership or termination of this club.

## ARTICLE XV

### Duration

- A. This Leo club shall cease to exist upon the first to occur of the following:
1. Vote of this club to terminate.
  2. Receipt by Lions Clubs International Headquarters of notice of withdrawal of sponsorship by the Lions club of \_\_\_\_\_ via Leo Club Termination Form.
  3. Receipt by the club president or vice president of written notice of revocation of Certificate of Organization of this club as a Leo club by Lions Clubs International
- B. By virtue of termination, provided in Section A, all rights and privileges relating to the Leo name and Leo emblem shall thereon be relinquished and surrendered by this club and its members, individually and collectively.

## ARTICLE XVI

### Parliamentary Authority

Unless specifically provided otherwise in this constitution all questions of parliamentary procedure in the operations of this club shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

## ARTICLE XVII

### Amendments

This constitution may be amended only by action of the board of directors of Lions Clubs International and, except where permissive, all amendments when adopted shall automatically amend and become provisions of this constitution.

## ARTICLE XVIII

The fiscal year of this club shall run from July 1 to June 30.

# STANDARD LEO CLUB BY-LAWS

## ARTICLE I Elections

- A. Election of officers and directors of this club shall be held annually prior to \_\_\_\_\_. Those elected shall take office on July 1 following their election.
- B. Nominations of officers shall be made either in writing or from the floor. Candidates shall be voted upon at the regular meeting following the meeting at which nominations are made. Voting shall be by secret ballot. Those candidates receiving a majority of the votes cast by the members present and in good standing shall be elected.

## ARTICLE II Fee and Dues

- A. Each new member shall pay an admission fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Each member shall pay annual dues of \$\_\_\_\_\_.
- C. No other assessment of members shall be made for any purpose whatsoever.

## ARTICLE III Committees

- A. The president, with the approval of the board of directors, shall appoint the following standing committees:
  - 1. **Finance.** This committee shall be responsible for determining ways and means of financing any and all club operations and projects.
  - 2. **Project.** This committee shall be responsible for initiation and implementation of club community projects.
- B. No committee composed solely of members of this club shall take any action to affect its plans until the same have been approved by a majority of the votes cast at a duly constituted club meeting.

## ARTICLE IV Amendments

- A. These by-laws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of this club, but only upon the affirmative vote of a majority of all members in good standing, provided: (1) notice of the respective amendment or amendments and the meeting at which such amending vote is to be taken is given at least fourteen (14) days prior thereto at a regular

meeting at which a quorum is present, and (2) such amendment or amendments is approved by the Lions Club of \_\_\_\_\_.

- B.** Any provision of these by-laws which conflicts with the constitution of this club shall be null and void and of no force or effect.

## EXHIBIT B

### YELLOW SHADED AREA

Mandatory provisions pursuant to the Leo District Constitution and By-Laws and board policy effective July 2025.

### GREY SHADED AREA

Recent changes.

### NONE

Permissive provisions.

**THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR OF A SINGLE OR SUB-DISTRICT, WHERE SIX OR MORE LEO CLUBS ARE SPONSORED BY LIONS CLUBS, MAY AUTHORIZE THE FORMATION OF A LEO DISTRICT ORGANIZATION. IN THIS CASE THE FOLLOWING STANDARD LEO DISTRICT CONSTITUTION SHALL BE FOLLOWED**

### *Constitution*

*The Leo District of* \_\_\_\_\_

## STANDARD LEO DISTRICT CONSTITUTION

### ARTICLE I Name

This organization shall be known as Leo District No. \_\_\_\_\_.

### ARTICLE II Objects

To provide an administrative structure with which to advance the purposes and objects of the Leo club program in this district.

### ARTICLE III District Organization

#### A. Requirements and Boundaries

When six or more Leo clubs are sponsored by Lions clubs in a Lions district (single or sub) and recognized by The International Association of Lions Clubs, the district governor of the said Lions district (single or sub) may approve the formation of a corresponding Leo district. The territorial boundaries of the Leo district shall coincide with the boundaries of the respective Lions district (single or sub).

## **B. Membership**

1. The members of this organization shall be all officially recognized Leo clubs sponsored by Lions clubs in said Lions district (single or sub)
2. Whenever the male gender or pronoun presently appears in the Standard Leo District Constitution and By-Laws, it shall be interpreted to mean all persons.

## **C. Formation**

If a District Governor authorizes the formation of a Leo district, they should also authorize the formation of a District Organizing Committee and appoint such Leo and Lions as necessary to properly supervise the development of the district. Members of the committee should include representatives from the District Leo Advisory Committee, Leo/Leo-Lion Cabinet Liaison (if appointed), District Leo Chairperson, and a Leo representative from at least six Leo Clubs in the district. The organizing committee should be responsible for the following:

1. Ensuring that every Leo Club within the district is notified about the formation of the district.
2. Organizing a Leo district conference
3. Developing a proposed constitution and by-laws to be approved at the Leo district conference.
4. Providing notice at least sixty (60) days prior to the district conference sharing the date, time, and location information about the district conference and soliciting nominations for Leo District Officers to be submitted to the District Leo Chairperson at least thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled conference.

## **D. Leo District**

### **Officers**

#### **1. Leo District President**

An election for the office of Leo district president shall be held at each annual Leo district conference.

##### **a. Qualifications:**

- (1) Be an active member in good standing of recognized Leo club in good standing in their single or sub-district.



(2) Have served, or will have served at the time they take office as Leo district president, as president of a Leo club for a full term or majority thereof.

(3) Secure the endorsement of the:

(a) Leo club of which the nominee is a member; and

(b) Sponsoring Lions club.

(4) Will not reach an age one year greater than the maximum age limit during their term in office.

**b. Election:**

**(1) Nominations:**

Nominations to the office of Leo district president shall be by written nomination of any duly qualified member, such nomination to be in writing to reach the Leo district secretary at least thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the Leo district conference. No nomination shall be in order, which is not so made and received. Nominations for the office of Leo district president shall be made by any recognized Leo club in good standing in the respective district.

In the event no written nominations are so made or no duly nominated candidate stands for election at the date of the Leo district conference, nominations of any qualified Leo for Leo district president may be made by any delegate from the floor of the district conference, provided the eligibility of the candidate(s) is confirmed.

**(1) Election**

The election of the Leo 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, provided 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 District Vice President**

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

### **3. Dual Nominations**

A Leo may be nominated and elected to the offices of district president and district vice president at the same 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. Leo District President or Vice President Vacancies**

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

b. In the event a vacancy shall occur in the office of the Leo district vice president, the district Leo chairperson shall fill the vacancy by appointing a qualified Leo for the remainder of the unexpired term.

### **5. Other Leo District Officers**

a. Other Leo District Officers, including Leo district secretary and Leo district treasurer may be appointed or elected as determined by the constitution and bylaws of the district. If appointed, the Leo district president shall appoint, by the time the office is taken, a Leo district treasurer and such other district officers as may be desired by a Leo district conference or by the Leo district council from time to time ~~and as approved by the Lions district cabinet.~~ If elected, the procedure for nomination and election thereto shall be the same as prescribed for the office of Leo district president.

b. In the event of a vacancy in an appointed position, the Leo district president shall appoint a qualified Leo to serve the remainder of the unexpired term. If a vacancy occurs in an elected position, the district Leo club chairperson shall fill the vacancy by appointing a qualified Leo for the remainder of the term.

### **6. Leo District Membership Chairperson**

The Leo district membership chairperson is a Leo who plans and implements the recruitment strategy for the district. The membership chairperson is an optional position,

reporting to either the district president or vice president. The chairperson can be appointed or elected as determined by the constitution and bylaws of the district. If elected, the procedure for nomination and election thereto shall be the same as prescribed for the office of Leo district president. A Leo district membership chairperson shall be an active Leo in good standing who will not reach an age one year greater than the maximum age limit during their term in office.

## **7. Leo District Council**

There shall be a Leo district council composed of the Leo district president, the district vice president, the Leo district secretary, the Leo district treasurer, the presidents of each Leo club in the district (or a delegated representative from each club), and such other Leo district officers as may be appointed by the Leo district president. If a Leo district membership chairperson has been elected or appointed that person may also be a member of the Leo District Council as determined by the Leo district president. Each Leo council officer shall have one vote. The Lion appointed as district Leo club chairperson shall serve as an advisory, non-voting member.

## **8. District Leo Club Chairperson**

Besides serving as an advisory, non-voting member of the Leo district council, the district Leo club chairperson shall also serve as the official liaison between the Lions district cabinet and the Leo district council. They shall report to the Lions district cabinet all resolutions of the Leo district conference.

# **ARTICLE IV Leo District Conference**

- A. A Leo district conference shall be held annually with the approval of the Lions district cabinet. If this Leo district is a part of a Leo multiple district, such conference shall be held not less than 30 days prior to the Leo multiple district conference.
- B. The location of the annual Leo district conference shall be determined by a previous annual Leo district conference. The date and time of the Leo district conference shall be determined by the current Leo district council. Notice shall be provided to all clubs within the district at least sixty (60) days prior to the district conference including the date, time and location and soliciting nominations for Leo district officers. A committee appointed by the Leo district council shall plan the Leo district conference in cooperation with the district Leo club chairperson.
- C. Each recognized Leo club in good standing in the 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.

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

E. 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 district conference shall be subject to countermanding and rejection by action of the Lions district cabinet or by action of said International Board of Directors, alone, in either of which events such action shall be null and void and of no force and effect.

## ARTICLE V Leo District Funds

A. To provide revenue to defray the administrative expenses of this Leo district, an annual per capita tax of \_\_\_\_\_ shall be levied upon each member of each club in the Leo district, subject to the approval of the Lions district cabinet.

The levy shall be collected and paid in advance by each Leo club to the Leo district secretary. The frequency and dates for such payments shall be determined by the respective Leo district conference.

All taxes so levied and collected shall be administered through a Leo district administration fund. Expenditures therefrom shall be for such items only as are approved by the Leo 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 instruments drawn thereon shall be signed by the Leo district secretary or treasurer and countersigned by a designee of the district governor.

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

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

## ARTICLE VI Titles

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

## ARTICLE VII By-Laws

The Leo district council shall present, and Leo district conference shall adopt, such by-laws as are deemed necessary to the efficient operation of said Leo district provided, however, that all such by-laws shall be consistent with the provisions of this constitution and shall be approved by the Lions district cabinet, and shall be approved by the board of directors of Lions Clubs International or its designee. Any by-laws 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 district shall cease to exist upon the first to occur of the following:

1. Vote of the said Leo district to terminate.
2. Receipt by the Leo district president of written notice of the withdrawal of sponsorship by the Lions district cabinet.
3. Receipt by the Leo 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 district level shall thereon be relinquished and surrendered by the members of said district, individually or collectively. All monies on deposit to the credit of said Leo district shall be remitted to the Lions district cabinet.

## ARTICLE IX Amendments

This constitution may be amended only by action of the Board of Directors of Lions Clubs International and, except where permissive, all amendments when so adopted shall automatically amend and become provisions of this constitution.

## ARTICLE X

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

## EXHIBIT C

### YELLOW SHADED AREA

Mandatory provisions pursuant to the Leo Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws and board policy effective July 2025.

### GREY SHADED AREA

Recent changes.

### NONE

Permissive provisions.

**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.**

### *Constitution*

*The Leo Multiple District of* \_\_\_\_\_

## STANDARD LEO MULTIPLE DISTRICT CONSTITUTION

### ARTICLE I

#### **Name**

This organization shall be known as Leo Multiple District No. \_\_\_\_\_.

### 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**

##### **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.

## **B. Membership**

1. The members of this organization shall be all officially recognized Leo clubs sponsored by Lions clubs in said multiple district.
2. Whenever the male gender or pronoun presently appears in the Standard Leo Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws, it shall be interpreted to mean all persons.

## **C. Formation**

If a Council of Governors authorizes the formation of a Leo multiple district, they should also authorize the formation of a Multiple District Organizing Committee and appoint such Leo and Lions as necessary to properly supervise the development of the multiple district. Members of the committee should include the Multiple District Leo chairperson, Leo/Leo-Lion Multiple District Cabinet Liaison (if appointed), District Leo Chairperson(s) and a representative from at least ten Leo Clubs in the Multiple District. The organizing committee should be responsible for the following:

1.Ensuring that every Leo Club within the multiple district and District Leo Chairperson(s) is notified about the formation of the district.

2.Organizing a Leo multiple district conference

3.Developing a proposed constitution and by-laws to be approved at the Leo multiple district conference.

4.Providing notice at least sixty (60) days prior to the multiple district conference sharing the date, time, and location information about the multiple district conference and soliciting nominations for Leo Multiple District Officers to be submitted to the Multiple District Leo Chairperson at least thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled conference.

## **D. 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.

#### **a. Qualifications:**

- (1) Be an active member in good standing of recognized Leo club in good standing in their multiple district.
- (2) Have served, or will have served at the time they take office as Leo multiple district president, as president of a Leo club for a full term or majority thereof.
- (3) Secure the endorsement of the:
  - (a) Leo club of which the nominee is a member;
  - (b) Sponsoring Lions club.
  - (c) Leo district (if established)
- (4) Will not reach an age one year greater than the maximum age limit during their term in office.

**b. Election:**

**(1) Nominations:**

Nominations to the office of Leo multiple district president shall be by written nomination of any duly qualified member, such nomination to be in writing to reach the Leo multiple district secretary at least thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the Leo multiple district conference. No nomination shall be in order which is not so made and received.

Nominations for the office of Leo multiple district president shall be made by any recognized Leo club in good standing in the respective multiple district.

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 conference, nominations of any qualified Leo for Leo multiple district 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.

**(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, provided 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 Vice President**

An annual election for the office of Leo multiple district vice president shall be held at each multiple district conference. 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. Leo Multiple District President or Vice President Vacancies**

a. 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 shall fill the vacancy created by such refusal by appointing a qualified Leo for the unexpired term.

b. In the event a vacancy shall occur in the office of the Leo multiple district vice president, the multiple district Leo Chairperson shall fill the vacancy by appointing a qualified Leo for the remainder of the unexpired term.

## **5. Other Leo Multiple District Officers Selection and Vacancies**

a. Other Leo Multiple District Officers, including Leo multiple district secretary, Leo multiple district treasurer may be appointed or elected as determined by the constitution and bylaws of the multiple district. If appointed, 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~~. If elected, the procedure for nomination and election thereto shall be the same as prescribed for the office of Leo multiple district president.

b. In the event of a vacancy in an appointed position, the Leo multiple district president shall appoint a qualified Leo to serve the remainder of the unexpired term. If a vacancy

occurs in an elected position, the multiple district Leo club chairperson shall fill the vacancy by appointing a qualified Leo for the remainder of the term.

#### **6. Leo Multiple District Membership Chairperson**

The Leo multiple district membership chairperson is a Leo who plans and implements the recruitment strategy for the multiple district. The membership chairperson is an optional position, reporting to either the multiple district president or vice president. The chairperson can be appointed or elected as determined by the constitution and bylaws of the multiple district. If elected, the procedure for nomination and election thereto shall be the same as prescribed for the office of Leo district president. A Leo multiple district membership chairperson shall be an active Leo in good standing who will not reach an age one year greater than the maximum age limit during their term in office.

#### **7. 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 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. If a Leo multiple district membership chairperson has been elected or appointed that person may also be a member of the Leo Multiple District Council as determined by the Leo multiple district president. Each council officer shall have one vote. The Lion appointed as multiple district Leo ~~club~~ chairperson by the Lions council of governors and district Leo club chairperson of sub-districts in said multiple district shall be entitled to attend any council meeting and participate in all deliberations of the council.

#### **8. 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 council of governors and the Leo multiple district council. They shall report to the Lions council of governors all resolutions of the Leo multiple district conference.

#### **E. 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.
2. Quorum and Vote: The attendance of a majority of the voting members of the council shall constitute a quorum for any meeting thereof.

## **F. 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;
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 obligation may be approved or made which shall affect an unbalanced budget or deficit in any fiscal year.

## **ARTICLE IV Leo Multiple District Conference**

- A. A Leo multiple district conference 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.

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 either 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 dates 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 instruments drawn thereon shall be signed by the Leo multiple district secretary or treasurer 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 the 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 Titles

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

## ARTICLE VII By-Laws

The Leo multiple district council shall present, and Leo multiple conference shall adopt, such by-laws as are deemed necessary to the efficient operation of said Leo multiple district provided, however, that all such by-laws 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 by-laws 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 members 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, except where permissive, all amendments when so adopted shall automatically amend and become provisions of this constitution.

## ARTICLE X

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

