

**Proposed changes in Dist. 26-M6 Constitution & ByLaws:**

**(4/6/2019)**

Items that are ~~lined through~~ are to be ~~deleted~~.

Items that are underlined are to be added.

*Explanations of items are in italics.*

Mark    Yes or    No to indicate your vote.

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**CONSTITUTION:**

**Requires 2/3 majority approval at district convention for adoption.**

**Proposition 1**

**ARTICLE VIII District Dispute Resolution Procedure**

A. Disputes Subject to Procedure

All disputes relative to membership, club boundaries, or interpretation, breach of, or application of the district ~~(single or sub-)~~ constitution and by-laws, or any policy or procedure adopted from time to time by the district ~~(single or sub-)~~ cabinet, or any other internal Lions district ~~(single or sub-)~~ matters that cannot be satisfactorily resolved through other means, arising between any clubs in the district ~~(single or sub-)~~, or any club(s) and the district ~~(single or sub-)~~ administration, shall be resolved in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedures established by the Lions International Board of Directors. ~~settled by the following dispute resolution procedure.~~ Except as otherwise provided herein, any time limits specified in this procedure may be shortened or extended by the district governor, or, in the event the complaint is directed against the district governor, the immediate past district governor, conciliators or the International Board of Directors (or its designee) upon a showing of good cause. All parties to any dispute subject to this procedure shall not pursue administrative or judicial actions during this dispute resolution process.....Delete entire sections B,C,D,E,F

*Deletes listing of dispute resolutions from Constitution and refers to Lions International procedures.*

   Yes

   No

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**BY-LAWS:**

**Requires majority approval at district convention for adoption.**

**Proposition 2**

**Article II, Section 2. DISTRICT GOVERNOR QUALIFICATION AND ELECTION PROCEDURES:**

a. In order for a Lion to be eligible and qualified to seek the office of District Governor, such Lion must: ~~meet the requirements as spelled out in Exhibit D at the end of this document.~~ (The remainder of a. (qualifications) would be deleted and b. (election procedure) would remain in effect.

*Removes qualifications from by-laws. No change in actual qualifications, eliminates duplication and confusion from possible conflicting statements.*

Yes

No

**Proposition 3**

**Article II, Section 3. FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR QUALIFICATION AND ELECTION PROCEDURES:**

a. In order for a Lion to be eligible and qualified to seek the office of First Vice District Governor, such Lion must: meet the requirements as spelled out in Exhibit E at the end of this document. (The Remainder of a. (qualifications) would be deleted and b. (election procedure) would remain in effect.

*Removes qualifications from by-laws. No change in actual qualifications, eliminates duplication and confusion from possible conflicting statements.*

Yes

No

**Proposition 4**

**Article II, Section 4. SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR QUALIFICATION AND ELECTION PROCEDURES:**

a. In order for a Lion to be eligible and qualified to seek the office of Second Vice District Governor, such Lion must: ~~meet the requirements as spelled out in Exhibit F at the end of this document.~~ (The Remainder of a. (qualifications) would be deleted and b. (election procedure) would remain in effect.

*Removes qualifications from by-laws. No change in actual qualifications, eliminates duplication and confusion from possible conflicting statements.*

Yes

No

## Proposition 5

### Article III, Section 1. DISTRICT GOVERNOR (duties)

~~(a) Administer and promote membership growth and new club development.~~

~~(b) Administer and promote leadership development at the club and district levels.~~

(a) Serve as Global Action Team district chairperson to administer and promote membership growth, new club development, leadership development, and humanitarian service to clubs throughout the district.

(1) Ensure selection of a qualified Lion leader for the positions of GST district coordinator, GMT district coordinator, and GLT district coordinator.

(2) Ensure regular meetings to discuss and advance initiatives established by the District Global Action Team.

(3) Collaborate with the multiple district Global Action Team.

*Expands duties to include being the chairperson of the GAT.*

Yes

No

## Proposition 6

### Article III, Section 2. FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR (duties)

~~(g) Serve as the District Governor Team liaison between the District Global Membership Team, working as an active member of the District Global Membership Team along with the District Governor, Second Vice District Governor and other Global Membership Team members to establish and implement a district wide plan for membership growth.~~

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

(k) Conduct a district quality assessment and collaborate with the district officers, specifically members of the district's Global Action Team and other committee chairpersons, during the first vice district term develop a plan for membership growth, leadership development, operational improvement, and the fulfillment of humanitarian services to be presented and approved by the district cabinet during the following district governor term.

*Redefinition of duties to include GAT terminology. Subsections would moved and be re-numbered appropriately.*

Yes

No

## Proposition 7

**Article III, Section 5. GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM (GST) DISTRICT COORDINATOR.** The GST district coordinator is a member of the District Global Action Team. The term of office shall be for three (3) years, to coincide with State Chairperson appointments. The District Coordinator shall be a member of the State GST Committee and shall perform such duties specified by said committee. Responsibilities include:

(a) Encourage clubs to implement service projects that are aligned with global LCI initiatives, including the LCI Service Framework.

(b) Work with clubs to raise the visibility of Lions service impact in local communities.

(c) Collaborate with GMT and GLT district coordinators and the Global Action Team district chairperson (district governor) to further initiatives focused on leadership development, membership retention and growth, and expanding humanitarian service.

(d) Work with region, zone, and club service chairpersons to help clubs reach their service goals, ensure regular reporting in MyLCI, and encourage utilization of LCI tools (such as the App) to increase engagement in service projects.

(e) Support local community service projects that create a sense of belonging and pride to the Lions and Leos in the district.

(f) Promote service projects that attract multi-generational participants, including the integration and leadership development of Leos.

(g) In collaboration with the LCIF district coordinator, maximize LCIF resource utilization and fundraising and monitor LCIF grants given to the district.

(h) Gather club and district feedback related to service challenges, opportunities, and successes and share information gathered with multiple district coordinator to troubleshoot/remove barriers impeding the successful implementation of service programs.

*Adds GST position and defines duties.*

   Yes

   No

### **Proposition 8**

~~**Article IV, Section 6. STATE COMMITTEES, THREE YEARS:** When required, the incoming District Governor shall appoint a chairperson to fill vacancies created by expiring terms in the Global Membership Team (GMT) and Global Leadership (GLT) committees. The term of office shall be for three (3) years. Appointments should be made to coincide with State Chairperson appointments. The District Chairperson shall be a member of the District Cabinet.~~

~~a.    GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM (GMT). The (GMT) Chairperson shall assist the District Governor in the promotion of Membership growth throughout the District, working with clubs which might be in danger of becoming defunct, developing new ideas and methods for securing new members in existing clubs, and shall assist the District Governor in finding locations and canvassing areas where new clubs may be organized or former clubs reorganized. Duties shall include, but are not limited to, working with clubs which might be in danger of becoming defunct, conducting status surveys etc. and working with all clubs in the retention of members. The (GMT) Chairperson shall be a member of the State GMT Committee and shall perform such duties specified by said committee. This Chairperson shall attend state GMT meetings.~~

**Article III, Section 6. GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM (GMT) DISTRICT COORDINATOR.** The GMT district coordinator is a member of the District Global Action Team. The term of office shall be for three (3) years, to coincide with State Chairperson appointments. The District Coordinator shall be a member of the State GMT Committee and shall perform such duties specified by said committee. Responsibilities include:

(a) Collaborate with the GLT and GST district coordinators and the Global Action Team district chairperson (district governor) to further initiatives focused on leadership development, membership growth and expanding humanitarian service.

(b) Develop and execute an annual district membership development plan.

(c) Collaborate with region, zone, and club membership chairpersons to identify communities without a club or where additional clubs can be chartered.

(d) Motivate clubs to invite new members, inspire positive club membership experiences, and ensure clubs are aware of available membership programs and resources.

(e) Monitor club membership reports. Recognize clubs that are increasing membership and support clubs that are losing members.

(f) Work with clubs in danger of cancellation by ensuring payments are submitted on time.

(g) Include diverse populations to participate in Global Action Team Initiatives.

- (h) Respond promptly to prospective member leads provided by the GMT multiple district coordinator or LCI, track recruitment and provide status report of the lead.
- (i) Complete requirements and submit applications to receive district funding from LCI for membership development activities.
- (j) Confirm new members are provided an effective member orientation at the club level, in collaboration with the GLT district coordinator and the club officers.
- (k) Provide retention strategies to clubs in collaboration with GLT and GST district coordinators.

*Moves to Article III from Article IV and clarifies duties, more in line with LCI Standard document.*

Yes

No

### **Proposition 9**

~~**Article IV, Section 6 b. GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM (GLT).** The GLT Chairperson shall hold Leadership Conferences and Training Seminars as may be requested by the District Governor. The Chairperson shall be a member of the State GLT Committee and shall perform such duties as specified in the State Constitution and By-Laws. This Chairperson shall attend state GLT meetings.~~

**Article III, Section 7. GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM (GLT) DISTRICT COORDINATOR.** The GLT district coordinator is a member of the District Global Action Team. The term of office shall be for three (3) years, to coincide with State Chairperson appointments. The District Coordinator shall be a member of the State GLT Committee and shall perform such duties specified by said committee. Responsibilities include:

- (a) Collaborate with the GMT and GST district coordinators and Global Action Team district chairperson (district governor) to further initiatives focused on leadership development, membership growth and expanding humanitarian service.
- (b) Develop and execute an annual district leadership development plan.
- (c) Communicate regularly with region/zone chairpersons and club vice presidents to ensure they are aware of leadership development programs and resources available.
- (d) Provide ongoing motivation to region/zone chairpersons and club vice presidents to achieve leadership development goals.
- (e) Promote leadership development opportunities that encourages participation all levels of the association.
- (f) Collaborate with the GMT and GST district coordinators to provide retention strategies to clubs.
- (g) Include diverse populations to participate in Global Action Team initiatives.
- (h) Identify potential and new leaders to participate in service, membership and leadership development opportunities.
- (i) Organize and facilitate instructor-led and web-based training in coordination with LCI and as requested by the District Governor.
- (j) Confirm new members are provided an effective member orientation at the club level, in collaboration with the GMT district coordinator and club officers.
- (k) Complete requirements and submit applications to receive district funding from LCI for leadership development activities.

*Moves to Article III from Article IV and clarifies duties, more in line with LCI Standard document.*

Yes

No

**Proposition 10**

**Article IV, Section 7, d. LCIF:** The LCIF Chairperson shall be appointed by the District Governor to fill a three (3) year term as determined by Lions Club International. The Chairperson shall dispense information to the Clubs of the District regarding the activities of LCIF and receive contribute clubs, forwarding same to LCIF without delay.

**Article III Section 8. LCIF DISTRICT COORDINATOR.** The LCIF district coordinator is nominated by the LCIF multiple district coordinator, in consultation with the district governor, and appointed by the LCIF chairperson, to serve for a three-year term. This position serves as an ambassador for Lions Clubs International Foundation and reports directly to LCIF multiple district coordinator while working closely with district leadership. His/her responsibilities include:

- (a) Be familiar with LCIF initiatives and educate Lions within the district on the various grants and projects supported by LCIF. Assist district governors with grant applications to LCIF, as needed.
- (b) Promote foundation initiatives in district publications, during district events and to the public at large.
- (c) Ensure that local LCIF-funded projects receive proper promotion and follow grant-criteria guidelines.
- (d) Encourage all Lions to contribute to LCIF and promote individual and club recognition programs as incentives to donate to LCIF.
- (e) Identify potential major gift donors, local foundations, corporations, and businesses with the potential to support LCIF and, and when appropriate, be involved in the gift-request process.
- (f) Assist with the submission of LCIF funds, MJF applications, and other donation information when necessary.
- (e) Encourage clubs to select a Lion to serve as the club LCIF coordinator (which may be the immediate past club president). Host an annual training for club LCIF coordinators. Communicate with each LCIF club coordinator quarterly.
- (f) In collaboration with the district governor and the LCIF multiple district coordinator, develop and execute a plan with agreed upon goals. Communicate monthly with the LCIF multiple district coordinator to discuss progress and challenges.

*Moves to Article III from Article IV and clarifies duties, more in line with LCI Standard document.*

Yes

No

**Proposition 11**

**Article III, Section 6. REGION CHAIRPERSON** (if the position is utilized during the district governor’s term).....(d) Visit a regular meeting of each club in the region at least once during his/her term of office, reporting his/her findings to the district governor, district GMT coordinator, ~~and~~ district GLT coordinator, and district GST coordinator, as appropriate .

(e) Visit a regular board of directors meeting of each club in the region at least once during the term of office, reporting findings to the district governor, district GMT coordinator, ~~and~~ district GLT coordinator, and district GST coordinator, as appropriate.

*Adds GST coordinator to Lions involved in region chairperson reports.*

Yes

No

**Proposition 12**

**Article III, Section 6. REGION CHAIRPERSON** (if the position is utilized during the district governor’s term).....

(i) In coordination with the GST district coordinator, play an active role in promoting global service initiatives by informing Lions within the zone about service opportunities in the region, district or multiple district.

*Adds activity with GST coordinator to region chairperson duties. Subsections l,j,k would become j,k,l.*

Yes  No

**Proposition 13**

**Article III, Section 7. ZONE CHAIRPERSON**.....

(c) Endeavor to include the district GMT coordinator, ~~and the district~~ GLT coordinator, and the ~~District Governor Team—district GST coordinator~~ as special guests to a District Governor’s Advisory Committee meeting to discuss needs related to membership, ~~and leadership development,~~ and service and how these teams ~~and the District Governor Team~~ may assist with membership and leadership development within the zone.

*Adds GST coordinator to Lion that zone chairperson works with.*

Yes  No

**Proposition 14**

**Article III, Section 7. ZONE CHAIRPERSON**.....

(d) Make a report of each District Governor’s Advisory Committee meeting and send copies within five (5) days thereafter to Lions Clubs International and to the district governor. Copies should also be sent to the district GMT coordinator, ~~and the district~~ GLT coordinator, the district GST coordinator, and region chairperson when appropriate.

*.Adds GST coordinator to Lions involved in zone chairperson reports.*

Yes  No

**Proposition 15**

**Article III, Section 7. ZONE CHAIRPERSON**.....

(e) Promote the Club Quality Initiative to the clubs within the zone ~~and work in concert with the District GMT Coordinator, the District GLT Coordinator and the District Governor Team to implement the program within the zone.~~

*Deletes extra language not needed or required by LCI.*

Yes  No

**Proposition 16**

**Article III, Section 7. ZONE CHAIRPERSON.....**

(h) In coordination with the GST district coordinator, play an active role in promoting global service initiatives by informing Lions within the zone about service opportunities in the zone, district or multiple district.

*Adds GST coordinator to Lion that zone chairperson works with. Subsections h-n would become i-n.*

Yes

No

**Proposition 17**

**Article IV, Section 2. DISTRICT GLOBAL ACTION TEAM.** Chaired by the district governor and includes the GMT district coordinator, GST district coordinator and GLT district coordinator. Develops and initiates a coordinated plan to help clubs expand humanitarian service, achieve membership growth, and develop future leaders. Meets regularly to discuss the progress of the plan and initiatives that may support the plan. Collaborates with members of the multiple district’s Global Action Team to learn about initiatives and best practices. Shares activities, achievements and challenges with members of the multiple district Global Action Team. Attends the District Governor Advisory Committee meeting and other zone, region, district or multiple district meetings that feature service, membership or leadership initiatives to share ideas and gain knowledge that may be applied to club practices.

*Adds GAT to district Committees and defines duties.*

Yes

No

**Proposition 18**

**Article IV, Section 7 Other district committees**

d. KIDSIGHT: A committee shall be formed to promote KidSight activities in the district. This committee shall consist of any KidSight board member, volunteer Lions screeners, and other interested Lions. The chairperson of the committee shall be determined by the district governor and shall be a member of the District Cabinet.

*Adds KidSight to committees recognized by the district and establishes makeup and duties of the committee. (Would be inserted in space vacated by Proposition 10 if approved)*

Yes

No



**Proposition 19**

**Article V, Section 4. REGIONS AND ZONES.**

(a) Organizational. Regions and zones shall be subject to change by the district governor, ~~when in his/her sole discretion; he/she shall deem the same necessary to~~ with the approval of the district cabinet and when it is in the best interests of the clubs, district, and the association. The district should be divided into regions (if utilized during the district governor's term) of sixteen (16) to ten (10) Lions clubs. Each region should be divided into zones of between eight (8) and four (4) Lions Clubs, giving due regard to the geographical locations of the clubs.

*Cabinet approval required to re-align regions and zones (LCI requirement) and recognizes that regions are optional.*

Yes

No

**Proposition 20**

Be it resolved that any changes (re-align section numbers, punctuation, etc.) that need to be made due to the approval of any of the above propositions, or format changes to provide clarity, may be made as needed.

*Allows updating to decrease confusion due to changes or format mistakes. (No change to wording of document).*

Yes

No