

## BYLAWS

### Article I

#### District Nominations and Elections

Section 1. Each Governor shall appoint, by written notification received at least sixty (60) days prior to the District Convention, a Nominations Committee of not more than five (5) members, each of whom shall be a member in good standing of a different Lions club in good standing in the District, and shall not at the time of their appointment hold any District or International office. The names and addresses of Lions so appointed shall be sent to all clubs in the District at least thirty (30) days prior to the convening day of the District Convention.

Section 2. Subject to Section 3(b), if there is more than one candidate for a position under this Article, an election shall be held by secret ballot with the candidate receiving a simple majority of the votes cast declared elected. In the case of a tie on any ballot, balloting shall continue on the tied candidates until one is elected.

Section 3. A Lions club in good standing within the District may nominate one candidate for election either to the office of Governor, First Vice District Governor, or Second Vice District Governor. Written notice of such nomination shall be submitted to the Secretary at least (30) days prior to the commencement of the District Convention. The Secretary shall:

a. Notify the District Nominations Committee of the nominations. The Nominations Committee shall ensure that all nominees for Governor and Vice District Governor are qualified under the Bylaws of Lions Clubs International. The Nominations Committee shall place in nomination at the District Convention the names of all qualified candidates for the offices of Governor and Vice District Governor.

b. Section 2 of this Article applies to the selection of a Governor, First Vice District Governor, or Second Vice District Governor even if only one candidate has been nominated for the position.

c. The First Vice District Governor election shall be conducted by secret written ballot, with the candidate required to secure a majority of the votes cast by the delegates present and voting in order to be declared elected.

d. The Second Vice District Governor election shall be conducted by secret written ballot, with the candidate required to secure a majority of the votes cast by the delegates present and voting in order to be declared elected.

e. For the purposes of such election, a majority is defined as a number more than one-half of the valid votes cast, excluding blanks and abstentions.

f. If no nominations for the position of First Vice District Governor are received by the Nominations Committee by the deadline, then and only then, nominations may be made from the floor of the convention. If there is only one such nomination from the floor of the convention, the nominee, to be declared elected, shall be required to secure, via secret written ballot, a simple majority of the affirmative votes cast as is defined under Article 1, Section 3, subsection e. of the Bylaws.

g. If no nominations for the position of Second Vice District Governor are received by the Nominations Committee by the deadline, then, and only then, nominations may be made from the floor of the

convention. If there is only one such nomination from the floor of the convention, the nominee, to be declared elected, shall be required to secure, via secret written ballot, a simple majority of the affirmative votes cast as is defined under Article 1, Section 3, subsection e. of these Bylaws.

#### Section 4. Candidacy Requirements for District Governor, First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor

a. A candidate for District Governor shall;

- (i) Be an Active member in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in the District
- (ii) Secure the endorsement of his/her club or a majority of the clubs in the District
- (iii) Currently be serving as the First Vice District Governor in the District
- (iv) In the event the current Vice District Governor does not stand for election as District Governor, or if a vacancy in the position of First Vice District Governor exists at the time of the District Convention, any club member who fulfills the qualifications for the office of Second Vice District Governor and who is currently serving or has served one (1) additional year as a member of the District Cabinet, shall fulfill the requirements of subsection (iii) of this section.

b. A candidate for First Vice District Governor shall:

- (i) Be an Active member in good standing of a chartered Lions Club in good standing in the District.
- (ii) Secure the endorsement of his/her club or a majority of the clubs in the District.
- (iii) Currently be serving as the Second Vice District Governor within the District.
- (iv) In the event the current Second Vice District Governor does not stand for election as First Vice District Governor, or if a vacancy exists in the position of Second Vice District Governor at the time of the District Convention, any club member who fulfills the qualifications for the office of Second Vice District Governor shall fulfill the requirements of subsection (iii) of this section.

c. A candidate for Second Vice District Governor shall:

- (i) Be an active member in good standing of a chartered Lions Club in good standing in the District.
- (ii) Secure the endorsement of his/her club or a majority of the clubs in the District.
- (iii) Have served or will have served at the time he/she takes offices as Second Vice District Governor:

1. As President of a Lions club for a full term or major portion thereof, and a member of the board of directors of a Lions club for no less than two (2) additional years; and

2. As Zone Chairperson or Region Chairperson or Cabinet Secretary and/or Treasurer for a full term or major portion thereof.

3. None of the above shall have been accomplished concurrently. Each qualified candidate for the office of District Governor, First Vice District Governor, or Second Vice District Governor shall be

allotted a total of eight (8) minutes during the official convention agenda to promote that person's candidacy.