

**MD 18 CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE REPORT
TO THE LIONS OF GEORGIA
April 21, 2017**

The Constitution and By-Laws Committee (“C&BL”) (PDG Garner Andrews, Lion Nancy Morton-Linek, PDG Jimmy Black, PCC Paul May, and Chair PID Kembra Smith) submit their report with proposed resolutions to be voted on at the MD 18 Convention. These resolutions have been approved by the Council of Governors.

The proposed resolutions include:

Resolution # 1: Corrections to the Table of Contents.

Resolution # 2: The addition of a comma to Article 6, Section 2, to clarify that the Council of Governors’ positions include both a secretary and a treasurer.

Resolution #3: A clarification of the eligibility for Council Chair to make past service as a district governor mandatory.

Resolution #4: The deletion of the words “review or” in Article 12, to require an audit at the end of each fiscal year.

Resolution #5: The deletion of a misplaced “(a)” in Article 12, Section 3 (b).

Resolution #6: The addition of provisions to Article 16 allocating the MD 18 dues’ levy percentages for each MD account. This resolution was drafted because it was a provision not addressed in the 2016 MD C&BL and at the suggestion of the Policy Manual Committee.

Resolution #7: The addition of a provision to Article 16 addressing the additional levy of \$3.00 per member for five years to support MD 18’s Third Vice President candidate.

Resolution #8: A correction to Article 16, Section 2, correcting the spelling of “levied.”

Resolution #9: The addition of a provision to Article 17 to state that the provisions of the C&BL are to be applied by guidance from the MD 18 Policy Manual.

Resolution #10: The addition of a provision to Article 17 to recognize the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation and the Georgia Lions Camp as projects of the Lions of Georgia.

Resolution #11: The inclusion of the Exhibits A-G to the By-Laws, as included in the LCI Standard District Constitution.

The MD 18 Constitution and By-Laws Committee recommends that the following resolutions be presented to the Lions of Georgia for adoption on May 27, 2017:

Resolution #1:

Be it resolved:

That the table of contents for the Multiple District 18—Lions of Georgia Constitution and By-Laws be corrected as follows:

Article 17 Miscellaneous at Sections 2-3 be corrected as follows:

Section 2. Fiscal Year

Section 3. Audit or Review

And that Section 4 be deleted.

Article 18, Amendments, Sections 1-4 be added:

Section 1. Amending Procedure.

Section 2. Automatic Update.

Section 3. Notice.

Section 4. Effective Date.

Article 7, Duties of District Officers/Cabinet, be amended by adding Section 8, as follows:

Section 8. Sergeant-At-Arms.

Resolution #2:

Be it resolved:

Article 6 Officer and Council of Governors, Section 2, Officers, be amended by adding a “,” following “secretary”, and deleting “and” preceding “treasurer”.

Resolution #3:

Be it resolved:

Article 11 Appointment of Council Chairperson be amended by deleting “current or” following “such chairperson shall be a” and preceding “past district governor”.

Resolution # 4:

Be it resolved:

Article 12, Duties of Multiple District Council of Governors and Committees, Section 1, Multiple District Council of Governors, paragraph (d), be amended by omitting “review or” following “provide for a.”

Resolution #5:

Article 12, Duties of Multiple District Council of Governors and Committees, Section 3, Multiple District Council Secretary-Treasurer, paragraph (b) be amended by deleting the “(a)” following “perform such” and preceding “other duties.”

Resolution #6:

Be it resolved:

Article 16 Multiple District Administrative Fund, Section1, Multiple District Revenue, be amended by adding the following paragraphs:

Nine dollars and sixty cents (\$9.60) of each per member levy shall be turned over to the multiple district. Upon receipt of such per capita levy, the Council treasurer shall divide and allocate it as follows:

- (a) 84% General Expense Fund
- (b) 7% International Expense Fund
- (c) 3% International Candidate Expense Fund
- (d) 6% District Governor Expense Fund

(a) General Expense Fund. This fund may be used for defraying administrative expenses, such as the costs associated with meetings and the publication of materials for the Lions of Georgia. It shall not be used to defray the expenses of the District Governors for the International Convention or to supplement the District Governor Expense Fund. The Council shall have discretionary control over the permitted expenditures from this fund.

(b) International Expense Fund. This fund shall be used exclusively for the purpose of promoting Georgia Lionism at the International Convention. This fund shall not be used to supplement any funds provided by Lions Clubs International for the District Governors-Elect or to supplement the District Governor Expense Fund to attend the International Convention or the Multiple District Convention.

(c) International Candidate Expense Fund. This fund shall be used exclusively for the purpose of promoting a Candidate for International Office, and shall not be used to

supplement any funds provided by Lions Clubs International for the District Governors-Elect or to supplement the District Governor Expense Fund. If there is no endorsed candidate for international office, the funds shall remain and accumulate, up to a maximum of one hundred and sixty thousand dollars (\$160,000) to provide the necessary financing for the election of a Third Vice-President of Lions Clubs International from Multiple District 18 and the funds necessary as that person occupies succeeding offices through the office of Past International President. Any excess or unused portion of such fund will revert to the General Expense Fund. The funds will be distributed as needed, not to exceed the distribution of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for an International Officer or ten thousand dollars for an International Director. An accounting of these funds shall be made yearly, with any unexpended funds to be invested and insured.

(d) District Governor Expense Fund. This fund shall be used by the District Governors who register and attend the International Convention at the end of their term, not to exceed the General Reimbursement Policy of Lions Clubs International. Any excess or unused portion of such fund will revert to the General Expense Fund.

Resolution #7:

Be it resolved:

Article 16 Multiple District Administrative Fund, Section1, be amended by adding the following paragraph:

To provide revenue for the administrative expenses of the multiple district's candidate for Third Vice President, an annual additional tax of three dollars (\$3.00) is hereby levied upon each member of each club in the multiple district and shall be collected and paid in advance by each club in two (2) semi-annual payments as follows: one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per club member on September tenth of each year to cover the semi-annual period July 1 to December 31; and one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per club member on March tenth of each year, to cover the semi-annual period January 1 to June 30, with billings of the same to be based upon the roster of each club as of the first days of July and January, respectively. This additional tax will commence with the fiscal year for 2017-18, and shall continue annually for a period of five (5) consecutive years through the fiscal year for 2022-23, after which time such levy shall cease. The proceeds collected with this levy shall be paid into the MD 18 International Candidate Expense Fund. Disbursements from the MD 18 International Candidate Expense Fund shall be made consistent with the General Reimbursement Policy of Lions Clubs International or as approved by the Council of Governors. Disbursements shall be by checks drawn and signed by the council secretary-treasurer and counter-signed by the council chairperson.

Resolution #8:

Be it resolved:

Article 16 Multiple District Administration Fund, Section 2. Young Lion Discount, be amended by correcting the word “lived” to the word “levied.”

Resolution #9:

Be it resolved:

Article 17 Miscellaneous, be amended by adding the following sections:

Section 4, Applications. The applications of the provisions in this Constitution and By-Laws are to be guided by the Lions of Georgia’s MD 18 Policy Manual.

Resolution #10:

Be it resolved:

Article 17 Miscellaneous, be amended by adding the following sections:

Section 5, State Projects. The Lions of Multiple District 18 recognize two organizations, the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation and the Georgia Lions Camp, as official state projects. This recognition does not limit the Lions of Multiple District 18 from creating, participating with, or supporting other projects or organizations, but emphasizes the Lions of Multiple District 18’s founding role and continuing commitment to these organizations.

Resolution #11:

Be it resolved:

Multiple District 18—Lions of Georgia Constitution and By-Laws, as adopted on July 1, 2016, is hereby amended by including Exhibits A-G to the By-Laws, in accordance with the LCI Standard District Constitution.