

LIONS
Code of Ethics

TO SHOW *my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.*

TO SEEK *success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.*

TO REMEMBER *that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.*

WHENEVER *a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.*

TO HOLD *friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.*

ALWAYS *to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state and my community, and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor, and means.*

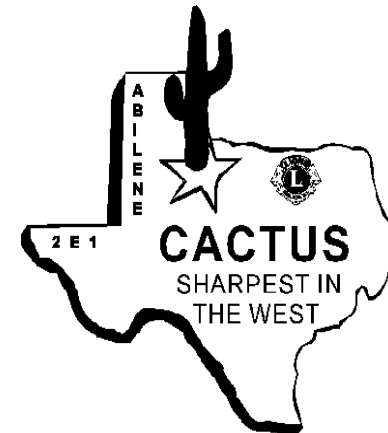
TO AID *others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.*

TO BE CAREFUL *with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.*

CONSTITUTION

AND

BY-LAWS



ABILENE CACTUS LIONS CLUB

Amended August 2002

HISTORY

October 21, 1952, Marlowe Fisher, Texas State Secretary of International Association of Lions Clubs, presided over a meeting of sixty-two prospective members of the second Lions Club to be chartered in Abilene. They met in the Alta Vista elementary school cafeteria, with Clyde Penrod and Joe Williamson, president and secretary, respectively, of the Abilene (Downtown) Lions Club. Hugh E. Cosby was elected Charter President and Sterling Childers was elected Charter Secretary of the new "Evening Lions Club". Dr. Ed Dressen served as club president during 1954-55, when the club's name was changed to "Cactus Lions Club."

Lions Clubs International OBJECTS

TO CREATE *and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.*

TO PROMOTE *the principles of good government and good citizenship.*

TO TAKE *an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.*

TO UNITE *the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.*

TO PROVIDE *a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.*

TO ENCOURAGE *service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.*

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I Name, Motto, and Slogan

Section A. The name of this organization shall be the Abilene Cactus Lions Club, chartered by and under the jurisdiction of, the International Association of Lions Clubs (hereafter referred to as the "Association").

Section B. Its Slogan shall be: Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nations Safety.

Section C. Its Motto shall be: We Serve.

ARTICLE II Purpose and Objectives

The objects of this club shall be:

- A. To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.
- B. To promote the principles of good government and citizenship.
- C. To take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.
- D. To unite the members in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship, and mutual understanding.
- E. To provide a forum for open discussion of matters pertaining to the public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members..
- F. To encourage service-minded men to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.

ARTICLE III Membership

Section A. Subject to the provisions of Section B hereinafter, any person of legal majority and good moral character and good reputation in his/her community, may be granted membership in this Lions club. Wherever the male gender or pronoun presently appears in this Constitution and By-Laws, it shall be interpreted to mean both male and female persons.

Section B. Membership types in this lions club shall be as follows:

1. ACTIVE: A member is entitled to all rights and privileges and is subject to all obligations which membership in a Lions Club confers or implies. Without limiting such rights and obligations, such rights shall include eligibility to seek, if otherwise qualified, any office in this club, district or association and the right to vote on all matters requiring a vote of the membership; and such obligations include regular attendance, prompt dues payment, participation in club activities and conduct reflecting a favorable image of Lionism in the community.

2. MEMBER-AT-LARGE: A member of this club who has moved from the community, or because of health or other legitimate reason, is unable regularly to attend club meetings and desires to retain membership in this club, and upon whom the board of directors of this club desires to confer this status. This status shall be reviewed each six months by the board of directors of this club. A Member-at-Large shall not be eligible to hold office or to vote in district or international meetings or conventions, but shall pay such dues as the local club may charge, which dues shall include district and international dues.

3. HONORARY: An individual, not a member of this Lions club, having performed outstanding service for the community or this Lions club, upon whom this club desires to confer special distinction. This club shall pay entrance fees and international and district dues on such a member, who may attend meetings, but shall not be entitled to any privileges of active membership.

4. PRIVILEGED: A member of this club who has been a Lion for 15 years, who, because of illness, age or another legitimate reason, as determined by this club's Board of Directors, must relinquish active membership and shall pay such dues as the local club may charge, which shall include District and International dues. All privileges shall be retained except the right to hold any club, District or International office.

5. LIFE MEMBER: Any member of this club who has maintained continuous Active membership for 20 years or more and has rendered outstanding service to his club; his/her community, or this Association; or any member who is critically ill; or any member of this club who has maintained such active membership for 15 or more years and is at least 70 years of age may be granted Life Membership in this club upon:

- (1) recommendation of this club to the association,
- (2) payment to the association of \$300, by this club in lieu of all future dues to the association,
- (3) approval by the International Board of Directors. Nothing shall prevent the club from charging a Life Member dues as it shall deem proper.

A Life Member shall have all privileges of Active membership so long as he/she fulfills all obligations thereof.

A Life Member who desires to relocate and receives an invitation to join another Lions Club shall automatically become a member of said Club.

6. ASSOCIATE MEMBER: A member who holds his/her primary membership in another Lions club but maintains a residence or is employed in the community served by this club. This status may be conferred by the invitation of the board of directors and shall be reviewed annually. The club shall not report an Associate Member on its Membership and Activities Report.

An Associate Member may be eligible to vote on club matters, at meetings where he/she is present in person, but may not represent the club as a delegate at district (single, sub-provisional and/or multiple) or international conventions. He/she shall not be eligible to hold club, district or international office, nor district, multiple district or international committee assignments through this club. International and district (single, sub-, provisional and/or multiple) dues shall not be assessed on the Associate; PROVIDED, however, nothing shall prevent this club from assessing an Associate such dues as it shall deem proper.

7. AFFILIATE MEMBER: A quality individual of the community who currently is not able to fully participate as an Active member of the club but desires to support the club and its community service initiatives and be affiliated with the club. This status may be conferred by the invitation of the club's board of directors.

An Affiliate Member may be eligible to vote on club matters at meetings where he/she is present in person, but may not represent the club as a delegate at district (single, sub, transitional, provisional, and/or multiple) or international conventions. He/she shall not be eligible to hold club, district or international office, nor district, multiple district or international committee assignment. An Affiliate Member shall be required to pay district,

international and such dues as the local club may charge.

Section C. Classification: In the event the membership of this Lions Club elects to grant and maintain membership on a classification basis, the following rules shall apply:

(1) Classification shall be defined as any major phase of, or interest in, a business or profession.

(2) Not more than two (2) Active memberships shall be granted in any classification.

(3) Classifications may be established for Associates, Fathers and Sons, Proprietors, Partners, Officers, Managers, and such other categories as this club may determine.

Section D. No person shall simultaneously hold membership, other than Honorary or Associate, in this and any other Lions Club; and no person shall simultaneously hold membership other than Honorary, in this Lions Club and any other service club of like character.

Section E. Membership in this Lions Club shall be acquired by invitation only. Nominations shall be made on forms provided by the International Office, which shall be signed by a member in good standing who shall act as sponsor, and be submitted to the membership chairman or the club secretary, who, after investigation, shall submit the same to the Board of Directors. If approved by a majority vote, the prospect shall be invited to become a member. A properly filled out membership form duly signed, as well as, the entrance fee and dues must be in the hands of the secretary before the member is reported to and officially recognized by the association as a Lion member.

Section F. Reinstatement of Membership: Any member dropped from membership in good standing may be reinstated by the club's board of directors, and will retain their prior Lions service record as part of their total Lions service record.

Section G. Transfer Membership: This club may grant membership on a transfer basis to one who has terminated or is terminating his/her membership in another Lions Club, provided that: (1) a completed transfer member form is received by the secretary of this club within six months following the date of termination of membership in his/her former club, or if such form is not available, the member's current membership card; (2) such termination was in good standing; and (3) such transfer member form or membership card is approved by the Board of Directors. If more than six months have elapsed between termination of his/her membership in another club and submittal of completed transfer member form or current membership card, he/she may

acquire membership in this club only under the provisions of Section E of this Article III.

ARTICLE IV Club Branch Program

Section A. Club may form branches to permit the expansion of Lionism into geographical areas where local populations may be too small to support a traditional club. The branch shall meet as a committee of the parent club and shall conduct service activities in its community.

Section B. The members of the branch shall be granted membership in the parent club and the branch by membership invitation issued by the board of directors of the parent club. Membership shall be in one of the categories listed in Section B. of Article III.

Section C. The members comprising the branch shall elect a coordinator and vice coordinator. The coordinator shall also be a member of the parent club's board of directors and be encouraged to attend general and/or board meetings of the parent club to provide branch records and a report of planned branch activities, a monthly financial report and coordinate efforts to encourage open discussion and effective communication between the branch and parent club. Members of the branch are encouraged to attend scheduled meetings of the parent club.

Section D. The parent club shall designate a member of the parent club to oversee the progress of the branch and provide assistance to the branch, when necessary. The member serving in this capacity shall also serve as the third officer of the branch.

Section E. The members of the branch may vote on activities of the branch and are voting members of the parent club, when in attendance at meetings of the parent club. Branch members shall be calculated in parent club meeting quorum requirements only when present in person at the parent club meeting. Attendance at branch meetings fulfills regular club attendance requirements.

Section F. Activity or public welfare monies raised by the branch by asking for public support shall be held in a fund established to record such purpose. They shall be distributed in the branch community unless otherwise specified. The board of directors of the parent club may authorize the branch coordinator to countersign

checks and vouchers authorized for payment by the parent club's board of directors.

Section G. The branch may be disbanded by a two-thirds vote of the entire board of directors of the parent club.

ARTICLE V Fees and Dues

Section A. Each new, reinstated and transfer member shall pay an entrance fee, which shall include the current association entrance fee plus one month of club dues and shall be collected before such member is enrolled as a member of the club and before the secretary may report such member to Lions Club International; Provided, however, that the Board of Directors may elect to waive all or part of the clubs portion of said entrance fee as to any membership by transfer or reinstatement within six(6) months of termination of his/her prior Lions Club membership.

Section B. Each member of the club shall pay regular monthly dues which include current International, State and District dues, unless placed in a category other than Active membership. Membership category fees will be determined by the Board of Directors and approved by club membership voting in accordance with Constitution Article XVIII, Section A voting procedures.

The treasurer of this club shall remit International and District dues to the parties, and at the times specified in their respective International or District Constitution and By-laws.

No dues, fees or assessments in addition to those set forth herein may be levied on, or required of, any member by this club, its board of directors or any officer or member of this club.

Article VI Resignations

Any member may resign from this club, and said resignation shall become effective upon acceptance thereof by the Board of Directors. The board may withhold acceptance, however, until all indebtedness has been paid, all club funds and property returned, and all rights to the use of the name "LIONS," the emblem and other insignia of this club and Association have been surrendered.

Article VII Forfeiture of Membership

Section A. The secretary shall submit to the Board of Directors the name of any member who fails to pay any indebtedness due this club within 60 days of proper notification. The Board shall thereafter decide whether the member shall be dropped or retained on the roster.

Section B. Any member may be expelled from the club for cause by a 2/3 (two thirds) vote of the entire Board of Directors.

Section C. The club shall encourage regular attendance at club meetings and activities. Where a member misses consecutive meetings or activities, the club will make every effort to contact the member to encourage and promote regular attendance.

Article VIII Officers

Section A. The officers of this club shall be a President, Immediate Past President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Third Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Lion Tamer, Tail Twister, Membership Director, and all elected Directors.

Section B. No person shall be eligible to hold office in this club unless he is an Active member in good standing.

Section C. No officer shall receive any compensation for any service rendered to this club in his/her official capacity with the exception of the club secretary, whose compensation, if any, shall be fixed by the Board of Directors.

Section D. The President must have served in two different offices on the Board of Directors and have a minimum of three years membership to insure sufficient experience to fulfill his duties.

Section E. DUTIES:

(1) PRESIDENT: He/she shall be the chief Executive Officer of this club; preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and this club; issue the call for regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors and the club; appoint the standing and special committees of this club and cooperate with chairmen thereof to effect regular functioning and reporting of such committees; see that regular elections are duly called, noticed and held; and cooperate with, and be an active member of, the

District Governor's Advisory Committee of the Zone in which this club is located.

(2) IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT: He/she and the other Past Presidents shall officially greet members and their guests at club meetings and shall represent this club in welcoming all new service-minded people in the community served by this club.

(3) VICE-PRESIDENTS: If the President is unable to perform the duties of his office for any reason, the Vice-President next in rank shall occupy his/her position and perform his duties with the same authority as the President.

Each Vice-President shall, under the direction of the President, oversee the functioning of such committees of this club as the President shall designate.

(4) SECRETARY: He/she shall be under the supervision and direction of the President and the Board of Directors and shall act as the liaison officer between the club and the District in which the club is located, and the association. In fulfillment of this, he/she shall:

- (a) Submit regular monthly and other reports to the International Office of the Association on blanks provided by it containing such information as may be called for therein and otherwise by the Board of Directors of the Association;
- (b) Submit to the District Governor's Cabinet such reports as it may require including copies of regular membership and activities reports;
- (c) Cooperate with and be an Active member of the District Governor's Advisory Committee of the Zone in which the club is located;
- (d) Have custody and keep and maintain general records of this club, including records of minutes of the club and Board meetings; attendance; committee appointments; elections; classifications (if any); addresses and telephone numbers of members; club accounts;
- (e) Issue monthly financial statements of obligations owed the club; collecting and turning over to the Treasurer these funds and obtaining a receipt;
- (f) Give bond for the faithful discharge of his/her office in the sum and with such surety as determined by the Board of Directors.

(5) TREASURER: He/she shall:

- (a) Receive all monies, from the Secretary and otherwise, and deposit the same in a bank or banks recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the Board of Directors;
- (b) Pay out monies in payment of club obligations only on authority

given by the Board of Directors. All checks and vouchers shall be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by one other officer, determined by the Board of Directors.

- (c) Have custody and keep and maintain general records and receipts and disbursements;
- (d) Prepare and submit monthly and annual financial reports to the Board of Directors of this club;
- (e) Give bond for the faithful discharge of his/her office in such sum and with such surety as determined by the Board of Directors.

(6) LION TAMER: The Lion Tamer shall have charge of and be responsible for the property and paraphernalia of the club, including flags, song books, banners, gongs, gavels, etc. He/she shall put each in its proper place before each meeting and return the same to the proper storage after such meetings. He/she shall act as sergeant-at-arms at meetings, see that those present are properly seated, distribute bulletins, favors, and literature as required at club and Board functions. He/she shall give special attention to assure that each new member sits with different groups at each meeting so that he/she can become better acquainted.

(7) TAIL TWISTER: He/she shall promote harmony, good fellowship, life and enthusiasm in the meetings through appropriate stunts, and games and the judicious imposition of fines on club members. There shall be no ruling from his decision in imposing a fine, providing, however, that no fine shall exceed 25 cents, and no member shall be fined more than twice at one meeting. The Tail Twister may not be fined except by the unanimous vote of all members present. All monies collected shall immediately be turned over to the Treasurer with a record kept of amounts collected. The Tail Twister may designate the use of collected funds for specific uses with Board approval.

(8) MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR: The membership director shall be the chairman of the membership committee. The responsibilities for this position shall be:

- (a) Development of a growth program specifically for this club and presented to the board of directors for approval.
- (b) Regular encouragement at club meetings to bring in new quality members.
- (c) Participation and implementation of orientation sessions.
- (d) Reporting to the Board of Directors on ways to reduce loss off members.
- (e) Serving as a member of the Zone Level Membership Committee.

ARTICLE IX
Board of Directors

Section A. The members of the Board of Directors shall be the President, Immediate Past President, three Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Lion Tamer, Tail Twister, Membership Director, branch coordinator, if so designated, and elected Directors.

Section B. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held monthly at such time and place as determined by the President with approval of the Board of Directors.

Section C. Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held when called by the President, or when requested by five (5) or more members of the Board, time and place to be determined by the President.

Section D. The presence in person of a majority of its members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors. Except as otherwise specifically provided, the act of a majority of the Directors present at any meeting shall be the act and decision of the entire Board of Directors.

Section E. Duties and Powers: In addition to those duties and powers, express and implied, set forth elsewhere in this Constitution and By-Laws, the Board of Directors shall have the following duties and powers:

- (1) It shall constitute the Executive Board of this club and be responsible for execution, through club officers, of the policies approved by the general membership of this club. It shall review all current policies annually and present them to the membership for approval, in accordance with Article XVIII, Section A, Voting Procedures, within sixty (60) days of the new fiscal year. It shall provide a list of current policies to each member upon acceptance by the club. A copy of these new policies will also be placed in each new member kit.
- (2) It shall authorize all expenditures and shall not create any indebtedness beyond the funds available at the beginning of the fiscal year. It shall not authorize dispersal of club funds for purposes inconsistent with the business and policy authorized by the Board of Directors and club membership.
- (3) It shall have the power to modify, override or rescind the action of any officer of this club.
- (4) It shall have the books, accounts and operations of this club

- audited annually, or at its discretion more frequently, and may require an accounting or have an audit made of the handling of any club funds by any officer, committee or member of this club. Any member of this club in good standing may inspect any such audit upon request at a reasonable time and place.
- (5) It shall appoint, on recommendation of the Finance Committee, a bank or banks for the deposit of the funds of this club.
 - (6) It shall appoint the surety for the bonding of any officer.
 - (7) It shall not authorize, nor permit, the expenditure, for any administrative purpose, of the net income of projects or activities of this club by which funds are raised from the public.
 - (8) It shall submit all matters of new business and policy to a respective Standing committee for study and recommendation to the Board. It shall then prepare such matters of new business and policies for presentation to and approval by the club membership, in accordance with Article XVIII, Section A, Voting Procedures, at any regular or business meeting.
 - (9) It shall name and appoint, subject to approval of the club membership, the delegates and alternates of this club to District and International Conventions.
 - (10) It shall maintain at least two separate funds governed by generally accepted accounting practices. The first fund to record administrative monies such as dues, tail twisting fines and other internally raised club funds. A second fund shall be established to record activity or public welfare monies raised by asking support from the public. Disbursement from such funds shall be in strict compliance with Section E. (7) of this Article IX.

ARTICLE X
Elections

The officers of this club, excluding the Immediate Past President, shall be elected as follows:

Section A. The president shall appoint a nominating committee in March of each year, composed of the last three available Past Presidents who shall submit the names of candidates for the various club offices to the club. At the next scheduled business meeting the election will be held. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at this time.

Section B. If in the interim between the nomination and the election meeting a candidate is unable for any reason to serve in the office to which and for which he/she was nominated, the nominating committee shall submit at the election meeting, names of additional candidates for that office.

Section C. An election meeting shall be held no later than April 15 of each year. Notice of this election will be given at the time nominees are presented by the nominating committee.

Section D. The secretary shall ascertain that all nominees are eligible for election and members in good standing.

Section E. Subject to the provisions of Section H of this Article X, all officers, other than Directors shall be elected annually and take office July 1st, and hold office for one year from that date, or until their successors shall have been elected and qualified.

Section F. One half of the Club Directors shall be elected annually and shall take office on July 1st following the election and shall hold office for two years from that time or until their successor shall have been elected and qualified with the exception of the first election where one-half of the Directors will be elected for a term of one year.

Section G. The Membership Director shall come from the elected Membership Committee. This Committee shall be composed of three elected members for a three year term. Initially one member shall serve for one year, the second member for two years, and the third member for three years. Each year thereafter, a new member will be elected. Each member shall serve for three continuous years on a rotation system. Thus the first year member shall be a member of the committee, the second year member shall be its Vice-Chairman, and the third year member shall serve as its Chairman and as Membership Director on the Board of Directors.

Section H. The election shall be by ballot of those present and qualified to vote. A plurality vote shall be necessary to elect.

Section I. Removal: Any officer of this club may be removed from office for good cause by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire club membership.

ARTICLE XI Vacancies

Section A. If the office of President or any Vice-President becomes vacant for any reason, the Vice-Presidents shall advance in office, according to their rank. In the event such provision for advancement shall fail to fulfill the office of President or any office of Vice President, the Board of Directors shall thereon call a special election, giving each member in good standing a prior notice of two weeks, of the time and

place of election. Such office will be filled at this election.

In the event of a vacancy in any other office, the Board of Directors shall appoint a member to fill the unexpired term.

In the event vacancies shall be of such number as to reduce the number of Directors to less than the number required for a quorum, the membership of the club shall have the power to fill such vacancies by an election held at any regular meeting of the club upon prior notice, and in the manner, specified in Section B hereinafter. Such notice may be given by any remaining officer or Director, but if none, then by any member.

Section B. In the event any officer-elect, before his/her term of office commences, is unable or refuses for any reason to serve herein, the President may call a special nomination and election meeting to elect a replacement for such officer-elect. Two weeks prior notice of such meeting, setting forth the purpose, time, and place thereof, shall be given to each member by mail or personal delivery. The election shall be immediately after nominations have been closed and a plurality vote shall be necessary for election.

ARTICLE XII Meetings

Section A. Regular meetings of this club shall be held no less than twice a month, at a time and place recommended by the Board of Directors, and approved by the club. All meetings shall begin and end, promptly, at the regular set times. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Constitution and By-Laws, notice of regular meetings shall be given in a manner as the Board of Directors deems proper.

Section B. Special meetings of this club may be called by the President, at his discretion, and shall be called by the President when requested by the Board of Directors, at a time and place determined by the person or body requesting the same. Notice of the special meetings purpose, time, and place thereof shall be given to each member by mail or personally delivered ten days prior to the date thereof.

Section C. A Charter Night anniversary meeting of this club may be held each year, at which time special attention will be devoted to the objects and ethics of Lionism, and club history.

Section D. An annual meeting of the club may be held in June of each year at a time and place determined by the Directors, at which meeting final reports of the retiring officers shall be read and newly elected officers shall be installed.

Section E. The presence in person of a majority of members in good standing shall be necessary for a quorum at any meeting of this club.

Section F. Any member who fails to pay any indebtedness due this club within sixty days after receipt of written notice from the secretary or treasurer thereof shall forfeit his/her good standing and shall so remain until such indebtedness is paid in full. Only members in good standing may exercise the voting privilege or hold office.

Section G. Except as otherwise specifically provided, the act of the majority of the members present at the meeting shall be the act and decision of the entire club.

ARTICLE XIII Emblems, Colors, Fiscal Year

Section A. The emblem and colors of this club shall be the same as the emblem and colors of the International Association of Lions.

Section B. The fiscal year of this club shall be July 1 thru June 30.

ARTICLE XIV Delegates to International and District Conventions

Section A. Inasmuch as the International Association of Lions Clubs is governed by Lions clubs in convention, and in order that this club may have a voice in Association matters, this club shall have power to pay the necessary expenses of its delegates to each annual convention of the Association. This club shall be entitled in any convention of this Association, to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each twenty-five (25), or major fraction thereof, of its members shown by the records of the International Office on the 1st day of the month last preceding that month during which the convention is held, PROVIDED, however, that this club shall be entitled to at least one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate. The major fraction referred to in this section shall be thirteen or more members. The selection of each such delegate and alternate shall be evidenced by a certificate signed by the President or Secretary or any duly authorized officer of this club, or in the event no such club officer is in attendance at the Convention, by the District Governor or District Governor-Elect of the District of which the club is a member.

Section B. Inasmuch as all District matters are presented and adopted at the District Conventions, this club shall send its full quota to all such Conventions and have powers to pay the necessary expenses of such delegates attending such Conventions. This club shall be entitled in

each annual convention of its District to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten (10) members who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in this club, or major fraction thereof, of this club as shown by the records of the International Office on the first month last preceding that month during which the Convention is held, provided, however, that this club shall be entitled to at least one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate. Each certified delegate present in person shall be entitled to cast one vote of his/her choice on each question submitted to the respective convention. The major fraction referred to in this section shall be five or more members.

ARTICLE XV Honorary Mailing List

The International Association of Lions Clubs and the District Governor shall be included on the mailing list of this club.

ARTICLE XVI Parliamentary Practices

Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Constitution and By-Laws, all questions of order or procedure with respect to any meeting or action of this club, its Board of Directors or any committee appointed hereunder shall be determined in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, as revised from time to time.

ARTICLE XVII Dispute Resolution

All disputes arising between any member or members, or a former member or members, and the club, or any officer on the board of the club, relative to membership, or the interpretation, breach of, or application of the club's constitution and by-laws, or the expulsion of any member from the club, or any other matter whatsoever which cannot be satisfactorily resolved through other means, shall be settled by dispute resolution.

Any party to the dispute may file a written request with the district governor asking that dispute resolution take place. Within fifteen (15) days of receipt, the district governor shall appoint a conciliator to hear the dispute. The conciliator shall be a past district governor who is currently a member in good standing of a club in good standing, other than a club which is a party to the dispute, in which the dispute arises. The selected conciliator shall be acceptable to the parties. Upon being selected, the conciliator shall arrange a meeting of the parties for the purpose of conciliating the dispute. The meeting shall be

scheduled within thirty (30) days of the appointment of the conciliator. If such conciliation efforts are unsuccessful, the conciliator shall have the authority to issue his or her decision relative to the dispute, which decision shall be final and binding on all parties.

ARTICLE XVIII Amendments

Section A. This Constitution may be amended at any regular or special meeting of this club, at which a quorum is present, by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present in person and voting, provided the Board has previously considered the merits of the amendments.

Section B. No amendment shall be put to vote, unless written notice thereof, stating the purposed amendment, shall have been mailed or delivered personally to each member of this club at least two weeks prior to the meeting at which the vote on the proposed amendment is to be taken.

BY-LAWS No. 1

This club shall not endorse or recommend any candidate for public office, nor shall partisan politics or sectarian religion be debated by members in meetings of this club.

NO. 2

Except to further his/her progress in Lionism, no officer or member of this club shall use his/her membership as a means of furthering any personal, political, or other aspiration, nor shall the club, as a whole, take part in any movement not in keeping with its purposes and objectives.

NO. 3

No funds shall be solicited from members of the club during meetings by any individual or individuals who are not members of the club. Any suggestion or proposition made at any meeting of this club calling for the expenditure of money for other than the regular obligations shall be referred to the finance committee.

NO. 4

Section A. The following Standing Committees may be appointed by the President, except for the members and chairman of the membership committee, who are elected. (See Article X, Section G.):

- (1) Administrative Committees
 - (a) Attendance
 - (b) Constitution and By-Laws
 - (c) Convention
 - (d) Finance
 - (e) Information Technology
 - (f) Lions Information
 - (g) Programs
 - (h) Public Relations
News Editor
 - (i) Greeter
 - (j) Leadership Development
- (2) Activities Committees
 - (a) Youth Outreach Program
 - (b) Diabetes Awareness
 - (c) Sight Conservation and Work With the Blind
 - (d) Hearing and Speech Action and Work With the Deaf
 - (e) Environmental Services
 - (f) Leo Club Program
 - (g) Youth Exchange Program
 - (h) Lioness Club Program
 - (i) International Relations Program

Other activities of Lionism for which committees may be appointed are: Citizenship Services; Educational Services; Health Services; Social Services; Recreational Services; Public Services; and International Youth Camps.

Section B. Special Committees: From time to time, the President may appoint, with the approval of the Board of Directors, such Special Committees as may be necessary in his/her judgement or the judgement of the Board of Directors.

Section C. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

Section D. All committees shall consist of a chairman and, subject to Section B above, as many members as shall be considered necessary by the President.

Section E. Each committee, through its chairman, may report, either verbally or in writing, each month to the Board of Directors.

Section F. All problems pertaining to either administrative or activity matters shall be referred to the corresponding committee for study and recommendation to the Board of Directors.

NO. 5

Section A. These By-Laws may be altered, amended or repealed at any regular or special meeting of this club at which a quorum is present, by the vote of a majority of the members present in person and voting.

Section B. No amendment shall be put to vote unless written notice thereof, stating the proposed amendment, shall have been mailed or delivered personally to each member at least ten days prior to the meeting at which the vote on the amendment will be taken.

NO. 6

Any By-Law except By-Laws Number 1 and 2 may be suspended at any meeting of the club at which a quorum is present by the unanimous vote of all members present.

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PAST PRESIDENTS

1952-1953	Hugh E. Cosby	*	
1953-1954	C. Leddie Harvey	*	
1954-1955	Dr. Ed Dressen	**	
1955-1956	L. R. Lapham	*	
1956-1957	Paul Steph	*	
1957-1958	R. R. (Bob) Tuley		
1958-1959	Lee Loper		
1959-1960	Lloyd Jones	*	**
1960-1961	E. W. Thomas		
1961-1962	Gene Landrum		
1962-1963	Clyde Hurst		
1963-1964	O. D. Calk		
1964-1965	Jeff Armstrong	*	
1965-1966	William (Bill) King		
1966-1967	Ralph Sundby		
1967-1968	John R. Crawford		
1968-1969	Bill Snowden		
1969-1970	Henry Mundt		
1970-1971	Gary DeShazo		
1971-1972	J. W. Ligon	**	
1972-1973	Connie Baird		
1973-1974	John Crawford		
1974-1975	Jack Welch		
1975-1976	John Ingram	***	
1976-1977	J. L. Edwards	***	
1977-1978	Jim Heany		
1978-1979	Henry Mundt		
1979-1980	Pete Vietas		
1980-1981	Tommy Harmon	**	
1981-1982	Tony Dycus		
1982-1983	Boyd King	***	
1983-1984	Dennis Paschal	***	
1984-1985	Larry McCracken		
1985-1986	Byron Davey		
1986-1987	John Massey	***	
1987-1988	Lou Voit	***	
1988-1989	Walter Mergenhagen	***	
1989-1990	Jim Gibson	***	
1990-1991	Bob Nelson	***	
1991-1992	Bob Oatman	***	
1992-1993	Ray Gill		
1993-1994	Dave Miller	***	

Past Presidents (Continued)

1994-1995	Fannie Mae Massey	***
1995-1996	Robert Jones	***
1996-1997	Jud Hardy	***
1997-1998	Hal Griffin	***
1998-1999	Larry Duggan	***
1999-2000	Jim Gibson	***
2000-2001	David Scott	***
2001-2002	Tena Andrews	***

* Charter Member ** Deceased *** Active Member