

CONSTITUTION OF
MULTIPLE DISTRICT 201 OF
LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL INC
INTERPRETATION

In this Constitution and these By-Laws, except where inconsistent with the context:

"CABINET" means the Cabinet of a District.

"CHAIRMAN" means the Chairman of the Multiple District Council.

"CLUB MEMBER" means a member of a Lions Club.

"INTERNATIONAL CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS" means the constitution and by-laws of the International Association of Lions Clubs as amended from time to time.

"COUNCIL" means the Council of Multiple District 201, Lions Clubs International.

"MULTIPLE DISTRICT" means the area designated by the International Association of Lions Clubs under the name MULTIPLE DISTRICT 201, such area comprising such districts as from time to time are determined by the Multiple District Convention and approved by the International Board.

"MULTIPLE DISTRICT CONVENTION" means the Annual Convention of Multiple District 201.

"MULTIPLE DISTRICT PROJECT" is an ongoing process to fulfil a plan, scheme or undertaking

- (a) Is intended to involve Lions Clubs and/or Districts within the Multiple District; and
- (b) Is for a charitable or benevolent purpose or is to raise funds for such a purpose; and
- (c) Is adopted as a Multiple District Project in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.

A feasibility study or investigation of any such process does not by itself constitute a Multiple District Project.

"THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION" means the International Association of Lions Clubs.

"THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD" means the International Board of Directors for the time being of the International Association of Lions Clubs.

"COUNCIL OFFICERS" means the officers specified in clause 35 of this constitution.

"DISTRICT" means a District in the Multiple District.

Wherever the male gender or pronoun appears, it shall be interpreted to mean both male and female persons.

NAME

- 1 The name of this Association is MULTIPLE DISTRICT 201 OF LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL, and this Multiple District shall include the Commonwealth of Australia, Papua New Guinea and Norfolk Island.

PURPOSES

- 2 The purposes of this Association shall be:
 - 2.1 To promote the Objects of the International Association applicable to Multiple District 201.
 - 2.2 To hold manage and control an annual convention of the Multiple District.
 - 2.3 To take appropriate action on all matters relating to the Multiple District consistent with the Constitution and By-Laws of the International Association and the policies of the International Board.
 - 2.4 To establish and maintain Trusts and Foundations for the purpose of rendering help and assistance in the fields of community aid, emergency relief and international understanding.

ORGANISATION

- 3 The Multiple District shall comprise such Districts as are now in existence or may hereafter be approved by a convention of the Multiple District and the International Board within the defined territory of the Multiple District.
- 4 Each District within the Multiple District shall be designated by a letter of the alphabet and a number selected by the Council.
- 5 The members of the Multiple District shall be all Lions Clubs in the Multiple District chartered by Lions Clubs International. No individual Lion may be a member thereof.
- 6 Where a District fails to meet the requirements laid down in the Constitution of the International Association of Lions Clubs the Council shall request the District Governor of such District to implement the Rebuilding Program and should such District at the expiration of 2 years from the date of such request still fail to meet such requirements the Council may appoint a Redistricting Committee to report to it upon any such failure and to make recommendations for the redistricting of such District.
- 7 Upon receipt of any such report the Council shall prepare and submit a Notice of Motion embodying the recommendations to the next Multiple District Convention.

- 8 Prior to submission of any such Notice of Motion Council shall give ample opportunity to all Clubs likely to be affected by any redistricting proposal to make submissions on matters which in their opinion should be taken into account and for this purpose draft proposals shall be circulated to all affected Clubs in ample time for submissions to be made.
- 9 Notwithstanding the provisions of any District Constitution:
- 9.1 Nominations for the office of District Governor of any District so realigned or created by the adoption of a redistricting proposal shall be invited from all Clubs to be included in such realigned or newly created District;
- 9.2 Any such nominations shall close sixty (60) days prior to the commencement of the first Convention of any such District and such nominations shall be lodged with the Cabinet Secretary of the District within which such Club was then situated;
- 9.3 Candidates for the office of District Governor for any such District shall be entitled to attend each of the Conventions of the Districts from which such Clubs originated and each such candidate and his nominator shall be entitled to address each such Convention in accordance with the appropriate Constitution;
- 9.4 A ballot for the election of any such District Governor shall be limited to votes cast by delegates from these Clubs directly involved in any such new or realigned District; and
- 9.5 The voting in any such ballot will remain uncounted until the completion of all required voting procedures and the security of any such cast votes shall be in conformity with the requirements of the Commonwealth Electoral Act for the election of members of the House of Representatives.
- 10 The Multiple District shall hold one general meeting in each year which shall be the Multiple District Convention

THE MULTIPLE DISTRICT COUNCIL

- 11 Subject to the provisions of the International Constitution and By-Laws and the powers therein granted to and the policies of the International Board and to this Constitution the Council shall supervise the administration of all Multiple District affairs (which phrase shall include the powers granted by clause 30.8 herein) and may choose such officers, hold such meetings, administer such funds, authorise such expenditures and exercise such other administrative powers as are herein provided.
- 12 Subject to clause 13 hereof, the Council shall have full control over all matters essential to the proper management and functioning of the Multiple District Convention.
- 13 Adequate provisions shall be made in the Multiple District Convention Programme

for debate on all notices of motion properly before the Convention, to have priority over all other matters.

- 14 The Council may effect such insurances as it shall from time to time be authorised by convention so to do, including protection for Lions members and others while engaged on or concerned in Lions affairs.
- 15 The Governors of the Districts of the Multiple District and one of the Immediate Past District Governors shall constitute the Council of the Multiple District. Such Immediate Past District Governor shall be elected thereto by a majority of the District Governors-Elect present at the Multiple District Convention immediately preceding their year of office at a meeting of the District Governors-Elect to be held during or immediately prior to that Convention.
- 16 In addition to the Immediate Past District Governor elected pursuant to clause 15 hereof Council may elect to its membership, Past Presidents, Vice Presidents and Directors of the International Association as advisory but non-voting members.
- 17 Each District Governor and Chairman of the Council (as herein after appears) shall have one vote only and the Chairman shall not be entitled to a casting vote.
- 18 The Chairman of the Council for the current year shall be the Immediate Past District Governor who has been elected to Council pursuant to clause 15 hereof.
- 19 Should the Chairman for any reason be unable to preside at any meeting of the Council the members may elect one of their own members to take the chair at such meeting and to perform such other duties during the absence of the Chairman as they shall think fit.
- 20 Should there be a vacancy in the office of Chairman the members may fill the vacancy by the election of one of the immediate Past Governors or one of their own members willing to act in that capacity.
- 21 A majority of the members of the Council shall constitute a quorum.
- 22 The Council may invite any person to attend its meetings or any part or parts thereof.
- 23 The Council shall hold its first meeting before August 31st in each year and shall hold subsequent meetings at such times and at such places as it may from time to time determine.
- 24 A special meeting of the Council may be called by the Chairman at such time and place as he shall determine and shall be called by him at such time and place as he shall determine upon the written request of not less than six members, such meeting to be held within 21 days of the day of the receipt of such request.
- 25 The Council may transact business by mail, telephone, telex or other similar means provided that no such action shall be effective without subsequent approval in writing

by not less than three-fourths of the entire number of the members of such Council.

COMMON SEAL

- 26 The Multiple District shall have a common seal.
- 27 The Executive Officer shall provide for the safe custody of the common seal.
- 28 The common seal shall not be used except by the authority of the Council.
- 29 The common seal shall be affixed to a document in the presence of a District Governor or the Council Chairman who shall sign every instrument to which the common seal is affixed and every such instrument shall be counter-signed by a District Governor, Council Chairman, Executive Officer, Council Treasurer or the Legal Officer.

POWERS OF COUNCIL

- 30 Except where inconsistent with and contrary to the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of the International Association and the policies and acts of the International Board of Directors, the Council shall have the following powers:-
 - 30.1 Jurisdiction and control over all officers, trustees and agents, when acting as such, of the Council, and all committees of the Multiple District and Multiple District Convention.
 - 30.2 Management and control over the property, business and funds of Multiple District.
 - 30.3 Authority to invest any of the moneys of the Multiple District not immediately required, in such securities and in such manner as the Council shall think fit and from time to time to vary or realise any such investments.
 - 30.4 Authority, subject to clause 26 to 29, to authorise any person or persons to sign on its behalf receipts, acceptances, cheques and other usual documents.
 - 30.5 Jurisdiction, control and supervision over all phases of the Multiple District Convention and all other meetings of Multiple District bodies provided however that the Multiple District Council shall accept a direction from a Multiple District Convention fixing the days over which Multiple District Conventions shall be held.
 - 30.6 Control and management of all budgetary matters of the Multiple District and Committees of the Multiple District and Multiple District Convention.
 - 30.7 Arrangements relating to the election of International Board Nominees.
 - 30.8 Authority, subject to clause 92, to prepare and submit Notices of Motion to a Multiple District Convention for debate and decision, on any matter pertaining to Lionism in this Multiple District.

- 30.9 Exercise such other powers as the Multiple District may possess, including the powers to buy, sell and lease real property for the purposes of the administration of the Multiple District;
- 30.10 To administer property on trust;
- 30.11 To open and operate bank accounts;
- 30.12 For the purposes of the administration of the Multiple District to borrow monies on such terms as the Council may determine; and
- 30.13 To give such security for the discharge of liabilities as the Council thinks fit.
- 31 The Council shall keep proper records and books of account which shall be audited at least annually. No person shall be appointed as an Auditor of the Multiple District accounts and funds unless he is either a member of the Australian Society of Accountants or of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia, or a Registered Public Accountant or a registered Company Auditor or a registered Public Auditor.
- 32 The Council at its discretion may approve and pay out of funds administered by it such authorised expenditure, disbursements and honoraria as it shall think fit.
- 33 A budget showing anticipated income and expenditure for the current year shall be prepared for consideration by the Council at its first meeting and except in the case of emergency or necessity it shall not incur expenditure beyond such budget provisions.
- 34 The Council may not undertake any Multiple District Project or any activity which will involve Clubs in selling goods unless such activity has first been submitted to a Multiple District Convention in accordance with clauses 92 to 98 inclusive hereof and duly approved.

OFFICERS

- 35 The following shall be officers of the Multiple District:
 - 35.1 The Council Chairman;
 - 35.2 The Executive Officer;
 - 35.3 The Council Treasurer;
 - 35.4 The Legal Officer.
- 36 The Council Chairman shall have the following powers and duties:
 - 36.1 Further the purposes and objects of the Association;

- 36.2 Provide leadership, direction and initiative for programs, goals and long range planning of the Association and the Multiple District;
 - 36.3 Create and foster harmony and unity among Districts within the Multiple District and assist District Governors to resolve issues;
 - 36.4 Preside over the Multiple District Convention and all Council meetings;
 - 36.5 Facilitate, at the close of his term of office, the timely presentation of all Multiple District accounts, funds and records to his successors in office;
 - 36.6 Supervise all arrangements for the Convention; and
 - 36.7 Carry out any other duty and/or exercise any power delegated to him by the Council.
- 37 The Executive Officer shall:
- 37.1 Manage the Multiple District Office;
 - 37.2 Subject to any direction by the Council or the Executive, engage and dismiss agents and employees of the Multiple District and pay them remuneration either by way of salary, commission or otherwise;
 - 37.3 Compile and arrange for the distribution of proceedings of each annual Convention;
 - 37.4 Convene meetings of Council;
 - 37.5 Ensure that proper minutes of Council meetings are kept and forward the same to all members of Council as soon as practicable after the Council meetings;
 - 37.6 Attend all meetings of Council;
 - 37.7 Carry out any other duty and/or exercise any power delegated to him by the Council; and
 - 37.8 Liaise with the administrator and Officer of the International Association.
- 38 The Council Treasurer shall:
- 38.1 Keep proper books of account for the Multiple District;
 - 38.2 Provide a report in relation to the finances of the Multiple District to each Council meeting;
 - 38.3 Prepare and submit to the Convention annual reports concerning the finances of the Multiple District;
 - 38.4 Arrange for the accounts of the Multiple District to be audited annually;

- 38.5 Supervise the operation and maintenance of the accounts maintained by the Multiple District;
- 38.6 Attend all meetings of the Council held within Australia; and
- 38.7 Carry out such other duties and\or exercise any power delegated to him by the Council.
- 39 The Legal Officer shall:
- 39.1 Act as the legal counsel for the Multiple District in consultation with the Constitution and Bylaws committee;
- 39.2 Approve and settle all Notices of Motion for submission to the Convention;
- 39.3 Attend all meetings of the Council held within Australia;
- 39.4 Monitor the business of the Council and provide advice in relation to the constitutionality and legality of any course of action proposed by or to the Council;
- 39.5 Provide such advice as may be necessary to ensure the compliance by the Multiple District with all Acts, regulations, ordinances and by-laws whether Federal, State, Municipal or otherwise;
- 39.6 Chair the Constitution and Bylaws Committee; and
- 39.7 Carry out any other duty or exercise any power delegated to him by the Council.
- 40 All Council Officers shall be reimbursed for any approved expenditure. The Executive Officer, Council Treasurer and Legal Officer may receive an honorarium or salary to be determined by the Council from time to time.
- 41 In addition to the officers hereinbefore mentioned, the Council may appoint Managers of Committees established by the Council to number not more than four (4). The managers shall be reimbursed for approved expenditure and shall not be entitled to any other honorarium or salary.

MULTIPLE DISTRICT FUNDS

- 42 There shall be funds into which each District shall pay such amounts per Club member and per club per annum as may be required pursuant to clauses 48 to 55 hereof together with the sum representing the Goods and Services Tax on such amounts.
- 43 One-half thereof shall be paid by August 31st each year to cover the semi-annual period 1st July to 31st December and one-half thereof by 28th February each year to cover the semi-annual period 1st January to 30th June.

- 44 The billings shall be based on the Club membership of each Lions Club as at 1st July and 1st January respectively.
- 45 Should a member die during the months of July or January, semi-annual billing in respect of that member shall be waived.
- 46 New Clubs will be liable for fees from 1st July or 1st January, whichever ever first occurs after the date which appears on the Charter and reorganised Clubs will be liable for fees from 1st July or 1st January, whichever ever first occurs, after the date of reorganisation.
- 47 The semi-annual payments shall be collected from the Clubs in each District by the respective Cabinet Treasurer, who shall pay the moneys so collected to the Executive Officer forthwith.
- 48 The annual contribution payable by club members shall be \$19.58 and the Council shall allot the funds paid by club members as follows:
- 48.1 **Multiple District Council Fund** - sufficient moneys shall be paid into this fund to meet the administrative expenses of the Council.
- 48.2 **Multiple District Council Assignment Fund** - sufficient moneys shall be paid into this fund for Council to meet the administrative expenses incurred by Council in executing such assignments as may be resolved by Multiple District Convention the expenses of the Multiple District Chairman and spouse or partner approved by the Multiple District Council in attending district conventions and a Multiple District 202 Convention and a Multiple District 307 Convention, and the expenses of one Multiple District Committee Chairman or member or Council Officer attending District Conventions as approved by Council; provided however that ten cents (10c) per member of the fund shall be used at the discretion of the Council (after consultation with the International Director who represents the area including Australia) to promote the growth of Lionism in Papua New Guinea, District 307 and other undistricted clubs within the Constitutional area for which such International Director is responsible.
- 48.3 **International Fund** - sufficient moneys shall be paid into this fund to meet the expenses of the Multiple District at or incidental to International Conventions, the expenses related to visits of members of the International Board or its officers and their ladies or the expenses of the International Director and his lady (where any such expenses are not payable by or recoverable from the International Board) including the cost of gifts as shall be authorised from time to time by the Council and as a contribution (being twenty five cents (25c) of the above amount) towards the Multiple District contingent's Hospitality Evening and associated functions at International Conventions as authorised by Council.
- 48.4 **Multiple District Convention Fund** - sufficient moneys shall be paid into this fund to defray all Multiple District Convention costs for purposes other than hospitality.

- 48.5 **"The Lion - Australia and Papua New Guinea Edition" Magazine Fund** - sufficient moneys shall be paid into this fund to defray the costs of producing, publishing and distributing this magazine to all Club members at regular intervals, without further costs to such members.
- 48.6 **Convention Fares Equalisation Fund** - sufficient moneys shall be paid into this fund to assist in defraying the travelling expenses of accredited delegates of distant clubs in the following manner:
- 48.6.1 Not more than two accredited delegates of each Club situated outside the circumference of a circle centred at the Convention Centre with a radius of 1,200 kilometres and who shall attend the Convention and a forum of that Convention shall be entitled to a payment at the rate of nineteen (19) cents for each kilometre for each delegate between the town or District in which the Club they represent is situated and such circumference via the shortest possible scheduled commercial air-route and the Executive Officer shall be empowered to make such payments to the Clubs entitled upon request from the District Cabinet Secretary or Treasurer who shall certify within 30 days of the closing of the Convention the names of the clubs so entitled, the details of each claim and the number of accredited delegates subject to clause 48.6.2 hereof.
- 48.6.2 Should a Club in Papua New Guinea be entitled to more than two accredited delegates to a Convention, and more than two accredited delegates attend a convention representing that Club, such Club shall be entitled to be reimbursed in the same manner and at the same rate as is provided for in clause 48.6.1 hereof in respect of any accredited delegates who are additional to the two accredited delegates entitled to reimbursement under clause 48.6.1 hereof, provided that such Club fully meets the expenses of such additional accredited delegates to attend a convention and provided further that such additional accredited delegates are indigenous Papua New Guineans.
- 48.6.3 If there are insufficient funds available in this fund in any year to meet this total cost all payments will be reduced proportionately.
- 48.6.4 The Council shall at its Council meeting in or near February in each year review the rate of contribution to this Fund and the amount to be paid per kilometre and prepare any necessary amending Notice of Motion for the next Multiple District Convention. The basis of such analysis shall be an economy air fare.
- 48.6.5 Notwithstanding any other provision herein contained no Club shall be entitled to claim or be paid any moneys out of this fund with respect to any delegate who has received or is entitled to receive funding for the purpose of attending that Convention from any other fund or source associated with the International Association or any affiliate thereof (other than the Club in question) whether direct or indirect.
- 48.6.6 Any monies refunded in accordance with this clause 48.6 shall be disbursed, to the accredited delegates who attended the said Convention, unless the same have been paid in advance by the Club.

48.7 **Club Membership and Leadership Development Fund** - sufficient moneys to be allocated for:

48.7.1 The administration of the Multiple District Club Membership and Leadership Development Programme;

48.7.2 The conduct of Membership Growth Training Workshops and Seminars;

48.7.3 The promotion of Club Membership Development and Leadership within the Multiple District,

48.7.4 The publishing of material related to Club Membership and Leadership Development

49 In addition there shall be the following fund:-

Insurance Fund - into which fund shall be paid the fees as determined from time to time by the insurers or the Council to cover premiums on policies undertaken by such Council on behalf of Clubs, Club members, members of Lions foundations, members of Lions Organisations, Lions ladies, voluntary helpers, and also for a Lions property policy, but not exceeding the sum of sixteen dollars (\$16.00) per member per annum together with the sum representing the Goods and Services Tax on such premium.

The Council may itself accept the risks of and incidental to the bonding of any officer of the Council, District Cabinets or any Club or Lions Foundations or Lions Organisations on such conditions as it shall think fit.

50 **Fund for MD Projects & Activities** - to this Fund there may be paid \$1-00 for each Club member per annum to cover or offset Multiple District costs associated with the conduct of existing Multiple District Convention approved Service Projects, with the proviso that Lions Clubs draw this levy from Activities Account Funds, and this section to expire in the year 2005.

51 **Lioness Programme Fund** - there shall be a fund established called the Lioness Programme Fund to which the sponsoring Lions Clubs of Lioness Clubs shall contribute at the rate of Five dollars (\$5.00) each year per Lioness Member, payable in the first year by two instalments on the 1st July, 1993 and 1st January, 1994 and thereafter by one payment on the 1st July each year, the first such payment being due and payable on 1st July, 1994.

52 **Youth Exchange Fund** - into which shall be paid 50 cents (\$0.50) payable for each club member per annum to be allocated to cover the administrative costs of the Youth Exchange Programme with the proviso that Lions Clubs shall be entitled to draw the levy imposed by this provision from Activities Account Funds.

53 **Public Relations and Information Fund** - there shall be a fund established called the Public Relations and Information Fund for the purpose of funding Public Relations and Information Activities within the Multiple District. There shall be paid

into the fund an annual contribution of two dollars thirty cents (\$2.30) per member.

- 54 **International President Promotion Fund** - there shall be a fund established called the International President Promotion Fund the purpose of which shall be to support a candidate from the Multiple District to attain the position of International Second Vice President. The Fund shall be available to provide support for such a candidate until his term of International Past President has passed. The Council shall determine from time to time what expenditure shall be made from the Fund including the income earned thereon to promote the Multiple District both to Lions Clubs International and the International Board.

Notwithstanding the provisions contained in this Clause, there shall be paid from the Fund a sum up to \$10,000-00 on presentation of receipts to the Australian International Director in each year of his/her term of office and that sum of money be reviewed every four (4) years, the first such review to be at the Multiple District Convention held in 2004.

- 55 **Directors and Officers Indemnity Fund** - into which fund shall be paid such fees as shall be determined by the Insurers of the Council to cover the premium on a policy undertaken by the Council to provide indemnity cover for the Directors and Officers from Club level through to the Multiple District against claims of whatever kind arising out of the performance of their duties as Directors and Officers but not exceeding the sum of \$3.40 per club member per year together with the sum representing the Goods and Services Tax on the premium.

- 56 The Council may open such accounts and/or establish such other funds as it thinks fit.

- 57 **Australian Lions Foundations** - there shall be foundations or funds under the general name of the Australian Lions Foundation (with such variation as may be necessary) for the purpose of rendering help and assistance in all forms for public relief, emergency aid, community welfare projects and international understanding and/or co-operation both within and outside the Multiple District. The Foundations may operate separate accounts as may be necessary or desirable for special appeals and/or income tax purposes.

The Foundations may raise additional funds from the general public, from the Multiple District and from Clubs by voluntary donations for such purposes. The Funds shall be administered in accordance with the Foundations' Trust Deeds or documents.

Audited Financial Statements of all funds administered by the Foundations shall be printed in the 'Lion Australia and Papua New Guinea Edition' annually.

Monies from such Funds may be expended only in accordance with the provisions of the Foundations' Trust Deeds or documents.

- 58 The financial year of the Multiple District shall begin on 1st January and finish on 31st December in each year and the accounts shall be audited and submitted to the

next annual convention.

59 A copy of the draft financial statements shall be posted or delivered to all Clubs in the Multiple District no later than 30 days prior to the opening of the annual Multiple District Convention.

60 **International Board Committee Expenses -**

60.1 In the event of any Lion in the Multiple District being appointed as an Appointee of the International Board, such Appointee shall be entitled to seek reimbursement in an aggregate sum not exceeding \$5,000.00 during the term of his appointment for expenses not meeting the Rules of Audit of Lions Clubs International.

60.2 Such reimbursement shall be paid from interest derived from monies standing to the credit of the International President Promotion Fund.

60.3 Reimbursement shall be subject to the Rules of Audit of the Multiple District.

OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS

61 The Council shall compile and keep up to date a publication to be known as the Multiple District Lions Administrative Manual, containing information and advice relating to the policy of the Council, the conduct of the Multiple District Convention and the duties of its committees, the co-ordination of the individual Districts within the Multiple District and such other matters of general interest to Districts and Clubs as the Council shall from time to time decide. Such manual shall be made available to Districts, Clubs and Club members in the manner most convenient to the Council.

62 **Multiple District Directory**

62.1 The Council shall in each year compile a Directory for the Multiple District containing such information relating to the Multiple District and Districts thereof as the Council shall from time to time decide. Information which is not received by the Council within the time limits prescribed by the Council shall not be published in the directory.

62.2 Directories shall be supplied to each Club according to the membership thereof and at such price as the council shall from time to time fix.

62.3 No Lions Club or member thereof (without the prior written consent of the appropriate District Governor) shall make available to any person who is not a Lion or to any non-Lion organisation (including corporate bodies) any Lions Directory or any list of names of Lions Clubs or Lions members and/or their addresses and/or their official positions or other information.

63 The Council shall arrange for the production and distribution of an official Lions Magazine.

Convention Records

- 64 The Council shall produce minutes of proceedings of Multiple District Conventions in precis form and such minutes shall be issued to Lions and/or Lions Clubs on request.
- 65 The Council shall also arrange for Convention proceedings to be recorded. Lions and/or Lions Clubs may request a transcript of specific matters from the recorded proceedings and the transcript shall be provided for the cost of its reproduction.

MULTIPLE DISTRICT CONVENTION

66 Convention Venue

- 66.1 The Multiple District Convention shall be held each year at a place to be determined (subject to this Article) by the third annual Convention before the Convention in respect of which the nomination is being made, provided that if a Convention should not determine the place of such subsequent Convention, it shall be determined by the Council provided further that if a Convention Organising Committee appointed for a Convention should request Council to change the place for the holding of that Convention, the Council may, at its sole discretion, select another place for the holding of that Convention.
- 66.2 No Notice of Motion seeking to determine the venue of a subsequent Convention (whether it be subject to nomination or otherwise) other than in accordance with Clause 66.1 shall be moved at a Multiple District Convention unless such Notice of Motion complies with Clause 69, and is accompanied by the particulars, reasons and Certificate of Approval therein referred to and is further supported by a full and detailed statement as to the reason why such future Multiple District Convention should be determined otherwise than in accordance with the provisions of Clause 66.1.
- 67 In the event of a contested election being required such election be conducted by a counted ballot, the results of same being announced to the Convention immediately following the results of such election being determined.

68 Hobart and Adelaide Conventions

- 68.1 Notwithstanding the provisions herein contained and subject to a club or clubs nominating Hobart, Tasmania as the venue for the 2003 Multiple District Convention, the venue for the 2003 Convention shall be Hobart, Tasmania.
- 68.2 Notwithstanding the provisions herein contained and subject to a club or clubs nominating Adelaide, South Australia as the venue for the 2005 Multiple District Convention, the venue for the 2005 Convention shall be Adelaide, South Australia.
- 69 Any Club or Clubs desiring to nominate the place for the holding of a Convention for any year shall make such nomination in writing through its or their District Governor

or Governors to the Executive Officer not later than the last day of December immediately prior to the commencement of a period of three years in advance of the event, setting out such particulars of the proposals as may be required by the Council and reasons for considering the place and the venue or venues thereat to be suitable. Each such nomination shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Approval from the District Governor in which District such club is situated. Should the nominated place be within another District then such nomination shall also be accompanied by a Certificate of Approval from the District Governor of that other District.

In the event of any such nominations not, in the opinion of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, complying with the foregoing provisions, such nomination shall be referred to the originator thereof with particulars of the manner in which it is deemed to be defective. Provided that the nomination is re-submitted in a form acceptable to and approved by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee by a date stipulated by the Executive Officer and determined in accordance with the printing or other requirements of the relevant Convention it shall be deemed to have been received by the Executive Officer on the date when the original nomination was first submitted. Should the nomination not be re-submitted as herein provided such nomination, notwithstanding any other provision in this Constitution contained, shall not be placed before the relevant Convention for consideration.

- 70 The Council, shall as soon as possible after the determination of the place of the Convention, in consultation with the submitting Club or Clubs, appoint a Convention Organising Committee and its Chairman.
- 71 The Council shall have jurisdiction, control, supervision and responsibility over all phases of the Convention and of all budgetary matters of the Convention.
- 72 The Chairman of the Council shall preside over the Convention unless he shall for any reason be unable to attend or perform his duties, in which case the Council shall appoint a presiding officer in his place.
- 73 Each Chartered Club in good standing in Lions Clubs International and Multiple District may be represented by one or more delegates and shall be entitled to one voting delegate and one alternate, for each ten (10) members or major fraction thereof of the Club in accordance with Article VII Section 7 of the International Constitution. Each District Governor shall be an ex officio delegate of the Convention with full rights as such.
- 74 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution there shall be a forum lasting not less than half an hour at each Multiple District Convention on the morning of the second day of the Convention at which:-
- 74.1 delegates will be entitled to ask questions of Multiple District officers and be given answers to those questions; and
- 74.2 the Council Chairman, Executive Officer, Multiple District Treasurer, Multiple District Legal Officer, and all Managers of Committees together with the

International Director then in office (if present) shall attend.

Multiple District Convention Finances

- 75 The Multiple District Convention Fund shall be used exclusively to defray all costs and expenses of the Multiple District Convention except those relating exclusively to hospitality purposes.
- 76 The Council may make advances of money to the Convention Organising Committee from the Multiple District Convention Fund for expenses relating to matters incidental to the running of the Convention.
- 77 A hospitality fee, the amount of which shall be determined by the Council, shall be collected by the Convention Organising Committee in respect of each person who applies to attend the Convention, and shall be used exclusively for hospitality purposes.
- 78 Any surplus from the moneys collected by the Convention Organising Committee after payment of necessary expenses shall be paid into a fund known as the Multiple District Convention Hospitality Book Reserve Fund. In case of any deficit the Council shall be empowered to deal with the matter as it thinks right and proper and to use such fund to cover such deficit.
- 79 The interest from the Multiple District Convention Hospitality Book Reserve Fund may be disbursed each year by the Council to:
- 79.1 the Multiple District Assignment Fund; and/ or
- 79.2 reimburse to the Multiple District Convention Fund any losses or part thereof incurred on hospitality books at Multiple District Conventions; and/or
- 79.3 assist in defraying the costs of the hospitality book for such future Multiple District Conventions, as Council deems fit.
- 80 Subject to any directions from the Council, the Convention Organising Committee may make such refunds of hospitality fees as it thinks right and proper.
- 81 The Convention Organising Committee shall submit to the Council statements of all its convention accounts duly audited by an Auditor or Auditors appointed by the Council for that purpose by the second Council Meeting. Such audited statements shall be submitted by the Council to the following Multiple District Convention and a copy of such audited statements shall be published in the December issue of "The Lion - Australia and Papua New Guinea Edition".

INTERNATIONAL BOARD NOMINEES

- 82 Subject to the provisions of the International Constitution and By-Laws, any member of a Lions Club in the Multiple District seeking endorsements of Conventions of his

District and Multiple District as a candidate for the office of International Director or Second Vice-President shall:-

- 82.1 Deliver (by mail or in person) written Notice of Intention to seek such endorsement to the Cabinet Secretary of his District, and the Executive Officer no less than 60 days prior to the convening date of the Conventions (District and Multiple) at which such question of endorsement is to be voted upon.
- 82.2 Deliver with said Notice of intention evidence of fulfilment of qualifications for such office set forth in the International Constitution and By-Laws.
- 83 Each Notice of Intention so delivered shall be transmitted forthwith by the District Cabinet Secretary or Executive Officer, as the case may be, to the Nominations Committee of the respective Convention, which shall review and perfect the same by obtaining from each prospective candidate any additional evidence of such intention and qualifications as may be necessary under the International Constitution and By-Laws, and shall place before the respective Convention the name of each such prospective candidate who has fulfilled such procedural and Constitutional requirements.
- 84 Nominating speeches shall not exceed four (4) minutes. There shall be only one nominating speech for each candidate and a warning signal shall be given thirty (30) seconds before the time elapses.
- 85 Candidates' speeches shall not exceed five (5) minutes and a warning signal shall be given thirty (30) seconds before the time elapses.
- 86 The nominee or nominees from the District Convention and the Multiple District Convention for nomination to office on the International Board shall be selected by secret ballot by the preferential system of voting as set out in the Commonwealth Electoral Act or Regulations thereunder for the election of members of the House of Representatives. If there is any drawing for the position of the names of the candidates on the ballot paper, each candidate, or his duly authorised representative, shall be entitled to be present. The ballot shall be held at a time published in the Order of Business of the Convention and shall remain open for a period of one hour or such longer period as the Convention may decide.
- 87 In the event of a tie in the final count, the candidate receiving the greatest number of primary votes shall be declared elected but should there also have been a tie in the primary votes, a fresh ballot shall be held between the final candidates.
- 88 Each qualified candidate for office shall be entitled to appoint a scrutineer and the Executive Officer shall declare the name of the successful candidate following the counting of votes, such declaration to be made at a time to be nominated by the Council Chairman.
- 89 In the event that there is one qualified candidate only for the office of International Director, his/her nomination shall be obtained by secret ballot at the convention.

- 90 Certification of Endorsement by the respective Conventions (District and Multiple) shall be made in writing to the International Office by the District and Multiple District officials designated, and in accordance with the requirements therefore set forth in the International Constitution and By-Laws.
- 91 No endorsement of any candidacy of any member of the Lions Club in this Multiple District shall be valid unless and until the provisions of clauses 82 to 90 inclusive have been met.

CONVENTION MOTIONS

- 92 Motions shall only be moved at Multiple District Conventions where:-
- 92.1 In the case of a Motion proposing a Multiple District Project ("Project Motion");
- 92.1.1 It has been duly passed at a District Convention.
- 92.1.2 Notice thereof accompanied by full organisation details of the proposed project and the financial responsibilities, if any, of the participating clubs, and the required commitment (if any) of Multiple District funds to start up the proposed project and to administer and conduct the project during its first year of operation, has reached the Executive Officer prior to the 1st day of January preceding the opening of the Convention.
- 92.1.3 The Project Motion classifies the project as a category 'A', 'B' or 'C' projects
- 92.2 In the case of any other motion (other than a Late Notice of Motion hereinafter referred to):
- 92.2.1 It has reached the Executive Officer not less than 60 days preceding the opening of the Convention.
- 92.2.2 It has been submitted to the Executive Officer by the Council, a District Convention, a District Cabinet or a Lions Club of the Multiple District.
- 92.2.3 A Notice of Motion proposing minor amendments to a Multiple District Project shall be treated as an ordinary Notice of Motion. A Notice of Motion proposing other than minor amendments to a Multiple District Project shall comply with the provisions of Clause 92.1. A Notice of Motion seeking to extend the life of a Category "A" or "B" Project shall comply with the provisions of Clause 92.1.2 as if a reference to its startup and first year of operation were a reference to the startup and first year of such extension.
- 92.2.4 A Notice of Motion seeking the adoption of a Category "B" Project or the adoption of a Category "C" Project intended to be managed by a District or Club shall detail mechanisms for the future control and supervision of the Project.

- 92.3 In the case of a Late Notice of Motion:
- 92.3.1 A two-thirds majority of Delegates present and voting has approved the motion coming before the Convention.
- 92.3.2 It does not concern the adoption of a Project or fund raising activity of any nature.
- 92.3.3 It does not have the effect of increasing the financial obligations of either Clubs or individual Lions.
- 92.3.4 It arises as a result of a debate or action taken at the Convention relating to a motion received in due time, or
- 92.3.5 It relates to a happening or an event occurring between the due date of lodgement for motions and the commencement date of the Convention and is approved by the Council as a proper matter for inclusion in the agenda of the Convention as a Late Notice of Motion.
- 92.3.6 The submission thereof has the written consent of a District Governor or the President of a Lions Club on behalf of his Club and
- 92.3.7 It has been submitted to the Executive Officer by the Council, a District Convention, a District Cabinet, a District Governor or a Lions Club of the Multiple District or a Delegate of and present at that Convention.
- 93 The following provisions apply to a category 'A' project:-
- 93.1 It will be managed by the Multiple District Council with funding being generated from the project or from resources specified in the Notice of Motion to establish such a project, with the Multiple District Council being empowered to create a Committee for the better administration and control of the project, subject to the following provisions:
- 93.2 The period of time for the conduct of the project shall be fixed by the relevant Notice of Motion, or, in the absence of a limitation of time being expressed in the motion, the period of time shall be deemed to be three (3) calendar years, commencing from the 1st July immediately following the last day of the convention approving the project;
- 93.3 Prior to the expiration of the term of the project, it may be re-classified to a category 'B' project by a motion passed at a subsequent convention;
- 93.4 The term of the project may be extended by a Notice of Motion passed at a convention held not later than the expiry date fixed for the project, whether this is fixed by the original motion approving the project or by a motion passed at a subsequent convention extending the expiry date.
- 93.5 Any person or persons (howsoever named) administrating control of a project shall be

deemed to be a Committee within the meaning of Clause 93.1 and subject to the procedural requirements contained in the By-Laws of the Multiple District from time to time in force.

94 The following provisions apply to a category 'B' project:-

94.1 It shall be established, managed and funded (in the name of the Multiple District) by a Club or District (hereinafter called the 'Managing Club' or the 'Managing District') approved in the motion passed by the convention subject to the following provisions:

94.2 The period of time for the conduct of the project shall be fixed by the relevant motion or, in the absence of limitation of time being expressed in the motion, the period shall be deemed to be three (3) calendar years commencing from the last day of the convention approving the motion;

94.3 The Managing Club or District shall be required to make reports of its conduct of the project to each succeeding convention, together with a disclosure of the financial records up to a date being not more than three (3) months prior to the commencement date of such convention;

94.4 The Managing Club or District shall be required to provide additional reports as may be sought from time to time by the Multiple District Council;

94.5 The Managing Club or District shall not pledge the credit of Multiple District 201 or Lions Clubs International in managing the project;

94.6 The Managing Club or District shall be entitled to canvass support for the project from Lions Clubs throughout the Multiple District, subject to the approval of the District Governor concerned;

94.7 The Managing Club or District shall be entitled prior to the expiration of the term of the project to seek its re-classification to a category 'A' project;

94.8 The term of the project may be extended by a motion passed at a convention held not later than the expiry date fixed for the project, whether this is fixed by the original motion approving the project or by a motion passed at a subsequent convention extending the expiry date.

95 The following provisions shall apply to a category "C" project:-

95.1 It shall be established, managed and funded in like manner to either a category A or B project to be determined by the Convention, subject to the following provisions:

95.2 The project must be endorsed by two-thirds majority of delegates present and voting at the Multiple District Convention;

95.3 The period of time for the conduct of the project shall be fixed by the relevant motion being a period of not less than one year and not more than three years;

- 95.4 The period of time for the conduct of the project may be extended by the majority vote of delegates present at the Convention immediately subsequent to the Convention at which the project was adopted, provided the period of time shall in no event exceed a total period of three years computed from the date of the original adoption of the project;
- 95.5 Only one category "C" project shall be conducted at any one time;
- 95.6 The category "C" project shall be managed by either the Multiple District, a District or Club to be determined in the notice of motion;
- 95.7 The Adopted Project may be referred to as "The National Project" during its conduct.
- 96 It is a requirement of a motion to establish a new Multiple District Project ("Project Motion").
- 96.1 It has been duly passed at a District Convention; and
- 96.2 Notice thereof has reached the Executive Officer prior to the first day of January preceding the opening of the convention, save that a notice of motion making minor amendments shall be treated as an ordinary notice of motion.
- 97 In the case of any motion to re-classify a project from any category to another category, notice of such a motion may be given by the Council, a District Convention, a District Cabinet or a Managing Club and the notice of motion has reached the Executive Officer not later than the 1st day of January preceding the opening of the Convention.
- 98 The following provisions apply to projects:-
- 98.1 The conduct of a Multiple District project of any category shall be deemed to be subject to such of the provisions of Clauses 93 to 95.7 inclusive of this Constitution as apply to a project of that category.
- 98.2 The provisions of any document establishing or relating to the conduct of a Multiple District project of any category shall be deemed to be subordinate to such of the provisions of clauses 93 to 95.7 Inclusive of this Constitution as apply to a project of such category.
- 99 The Executive Officer shall:
- 99.1 Acknowledge receipt of all notices of motion lodged with him immediately upon receipt thereof.
- 99.2 In the case of Project Motions post copies of the proposal to all Clubs not later than 25th January following receipt.

- 99.3 In the case of other Motions (except Late Notices of Motion) post a copy thereof to all Clubs not later than 30 days prior to the opening of the Convention.
- 99.4 Post copies of the Annual Report to the Convention from the Multiple District Council Chairman, Executive Officer and Treasurer (excluding the Auditor's Report and reports required by the Associations Incorporation Act) and from all Committees and Sub-committees of the Multiple District to clubs, not later than thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the Convention.
- 100 Where any motion is re-drafted by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee the re-drafted notice of motion shall be submitted to the originator for approval as soon as possible. The Committee or Officer re-drafting such notice may (taking into account the printing or other requirements of the Convention) stipulate a date by which the originator thereof must approve the re-drafted motion. Provided the re-drafted motion is approved by the stipulated date it shall be deemed to have been received by the Executive Officer on the date when he first received the original Notice of Motion.
- 101 Official forums may be conducted at any Multiple District Convention which shall have power to make recommendations to Multiple District Council for consideration.
- 102 Details of all motions (other than formal motions) and whether the same were lost or carried and details of any amendments thereto which were carried at a Multiple District Convention, shall be published in the ensuing June or July issue of "The Lion - Australia and Papua New Guinea Edition".
- 103 All resolutions of Multiple District Convention requiring implementation by Council and all Forum recommendations requiring consideration by Council shall be published in the November issue of "The Lion - Australia and Papua New Guinea Edition" following the closure of the Convention and a further report from Council thereon shall be published in the ensuing March issue of such magazine with the result (if any) of such action and/or consideration.
- 104 A vote on any question can be cast only by a Delegate present and no Delegate shall cast more than one vote on any question.
- 105 Clauses 92 to 100 hereof shall not apply to motions of a formal nature.

AMENDMENTS

- 106 This Constitution may be amended only at a Multiple District Convention by amendment reported by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee at such Convention and adopted by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the delegates voting on such motion at such Convention.

BY-LAWS

- 107 Subject to the International Constitution and By-Laws and to this Constitution, the

Council shall have the power to make such By-Laws as it shall deem necessary with respect to the conduct and administration of the Multiple District Convention and for the purpose of carrying out its duties under this Constitution. It may repeal or amend such By-Laws.

PRECEDENCE

- 108 The Multiple District shall remain under or subject to the supervision of the International Association of Lions Clubs and shall be governed by the Association's Constitution and By-Laws.

UNIFORMS

- 109 Dress uniform for men shall consist of:

Single breasted lightweight terylene and/or wool Australian green jacket with an embroidered Lions Emblem (obtained through the Australian Lions office), an Australian green Lions tie, a wattle coloured normal long sleeved shirt (made to wear with a tie); or a wattle coloured soft collared jack shirt with an embroidered Lions emblem on the left breast pocket, with fawn trousers and tan shoes.

- 110 The women's dress uniform shall be the same colour and fabric as the dress uniform for men viz.

Skirts, Culottes or Slacks: Same material as men's trousers.

Blouse: Same material as men's shirts.

Scarf: Green.

Blazer Single breasted lightweight terylene and/or wool Aust. green jacket, with an embroidered Lions emblem (obtained through the Australian Office).

Shoes: Brown.

Handbag: Brown.

- 111 Notwithstanding the provisions of clauses 109 and 110 hereof, Lions who are resident in Papua New Guinea shall have the Papua New Guinea emblem on the breast pocket of their jacket (rather than an Australian emblem) and Lions and Ladies resident in Papua New Guinea may have such other variations to the uniform as Council may from time to time approve.

- 112 In all cases an Australian style bush hat, camel in colour, be part of the official uniform for the Multiple District 201.

- 113 The recognised uniform for exchangees for the Multiple District Youth Exchange Project be a single breasted lightweight terylene and/or wool blazer with an embroidered Youth Exchange Emblem on the left breast pocket.

POWER TO DISTRIBUTE FUNDS

- 114 The income and property of the Multiple District, however derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the purposes of the Multiple District and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise however by way of profit to the Clubs within the Multiple District or to Districts therein or to Lions members or to relatives of such members, provided that nothing herein shall prevent the payment in good faith of an honorarium or salary to any officer or servant of the Multiple District or any payment to any Lions member in return for any services actually rendered to the Multiple District or the payment of interest on any moneys borrowed by the Multiple District.

DISSOLUTION

- 115 Upon the dissolution of this Multiple District either by agreement of the Multiple District in accordance with a resolution carried at a Multiple District Convention or by the decision of the International Association the property and assets of the Multiple District shall vest in such other Multiple Districts or in such Lion Districts and in such proportions as such resolution may provide or the Association (or in default the Council then in office) shall determine provided that all such funds shall be applied to charitable purposes within the meaning of the laws of the State of New South Wales or to another Lions Multiple District or to Lions Districts constituted within the area of the Multiple District. Funds held for a particular purpose shall be applied to a purpose as closely as is practicable to that particular purpose.

DISTRICT CONSTITUTION

- 116 Unless a District adopts a Constitution of its own in accordance with the International Constitution and By-Laws the provisions of the Multiple District Constitution in force prior to 1984 (or if such District should so determine the standard District Constitution printed as an appendix to this Constitution) shall govern the internal affairs of such District subject to such policy minutes, By-Laws or rules as may be adopted by that District.
- 117 A District may adopt a new Constitution and may amend the same at any time.
- 118 The Standard District Constitution printed as an appendix to this Constitution may be amended by the Council at any time.