



**DISTRICT 201 W2**  
**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**  
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## DISTRICT 201 W2 CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

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**THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS.  
DISTRICT 201W2 INC.**

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.**

**ARTICLE 1**

**Name**

**Section 1**

This organisation shall be known as the International Association of Lions Clubs, District 201W2 Inc. It shall be referred to in this document as "The District". The International Association of Lions Clubs shall be referred to in this document as "The Association".

**ARTICLE 2**

**Object**

**Section 1**

The object of the District shall be to provide an administrative structure with which to advance the purpose and objects of the Association within the boundaries of the District.

**ARTICLE 3**

**Precedence**

**Section 1**

The provisions of this Constitution and attendant By-laws relating to matters affecting the District shall take precedence over the provisions of the Constitution and By-laws of the Lions Clubs within the District.

**Section 2**

The provisions of the Constitutions of Multiple District 201, and of the Association shall take precedence over this constitution.

## **ARTICLE 4**

### **Membership**

#### **Section 1**

The members of the District shall be all Lions Clubs in the District chartered by the Association.

## **ARTICLE 5**

### **Boundaries of the District**

#### **Section 1**

The boundaries of the District shall be as approved from time to time by the Association.

#### **Section 2**

The District Governor shall divide the District into regions in accordance with the provisions of the constitution of the Association.

#### **Section 3**

The District shall be divided into zones, as determined by the District Governor, in accordance with the provisions of the constitution of the Association.

## **ARTICLE 6**

### **District Organisation**

#### **Cabinet**

#### **Section 1**

The District shall have a District Cabinet comprising :-  
the District Governor.  
the 1st Vice District Governor.  
The 2nd Vice District Governor  
the Immediate Past District Governor.  
the Region Chairmen [ if appointed ]  
the Zone Chairmen.  
a Cabinet Secretary.  
a Cabinet Treasurer, [or Secretary/Treasurer]  
and such other Chairmen, or Lions members as the District Governor may, from time to time, appoint.

#### **Section 2**

The members of the Cabinet shall be Officers of the District. Each such officer must be and remain an active member in good standing of a Lions Club in good standing in the District.

## **Appointments**

### **Section 3**

The District Governor shall, by the time he takes office, have appointed the Cabinet Secretary, the Cabinet Treasurer, and a Zone Chairman for each Zone in the District. If he/she decides to appoint Region Chairmen, they too should be appointed prior to the District Governor taking office.

### **Section 4**

No salary shall be paid to any Officer of the District.

## **Vacancies**

### **Section 5**

If any vacancy occurs in any office, other than that of District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor or 2nd Vice District Governor, the District Governor may [subject to section 6 hereof] appoint another Lion who is qualified to be an officer to fill such office for the unexpired term.

### **Section 6**

Should a Region Chairman or Zone Chairman cease to be a member of a Club in the Region or Zone, as the case may be, to which he/she was appointed, his/her term of office shall thereupon cease and the District Governor shall appoint a successor to fill that office.

### **Section 7**

Should any Officer cease to be a member in good standing in the District his/her term of office shall likewise cease and the District Governor may appoint a successor to fill that office unless that officer is the District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor or 2nd Vice District Governor.

## **Removal of Officer**

### **Section 8**

The District Governor may at any time by notice in writing to the Lion concerned remove him/her from any office to which he/she may have been appointed and may [subject to section 6 hereof] appoint a successor to fill that office, unless that officer is the 1st Vice District Governor or 2nd Vice District Governor.

## **Cabinet Meetings**

### **Section 9**

A regular meeting of the Cabinet shall be held in each quarter of the financial year. The first such meeting shall be held within sixty [60] days after the adjournment of the preceding Convention of the Association. At least ten [10] days written notice of such regular meetings

setting forth a date, time, and place determined by the District Governor shall be given to each officer by the Cabinet Secretary.

## **Special Meetings**

### **Section 10**

Special meetings of the Cabinet may be called by the District Governor at his discretion and shall be called upon written request made to the District Governor or the Cabinet Secretary by a majority of the members of the District Cabinet. The District Governor shall determine the date, time and place of the special meeting which shall take place within 21 days of the date upon which the request was received. At least five [5] days written, telegraphic or personal notice of the special meeting, setting forth the purposes thereof, and the date, time and place, shall be given to each officer by the Cabinet Secretary or some other person appointed by the District Governor for that purpose, provided however, that the requirement of five [5] days notice may be reduced or waived by two-thirds majority of the Officers voting thereon at such a special meeting.

## **Quorum**

### **Section 11**

The attendance of a majority of the Officers shall constitute a quorum for any meeting of the Cabinet.

## **Voting**

### **Section 12**

Every Officer, including the District Governor, shall be entitled to vote on any matter. In the event of voting being equal the District Governor shall, in addition, have a casting vote, but may use the same only to maintain the status quo.

## **Regions and Zones**

### **Section 13**

The District Governor shall divide the District into Regions of no more than sixteen [16] and no fewer than six [6] Lions Clubs. The District shall be divided into Zones of no more than eight [8] and no fewer than three [3] Lions Clubs [unless exemption is given by the Association] or such other number as may be permitted by the policy of the Association from time to time, giving due regard to the geographical location of the Clubs. Such division shall be made before the District Governor commences his/her term of office, but shall be subject to change by the District Governor when, in his/her sole discretion, he/she shall deem the same necessary in the best interests of the District.

## **District Governor's Advisory Meetings**

### **Section 14**

In each Zone the Zone Chairman, the Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and Membership Chairmen of all the clubs in the Zone shall comprise a District Governor's Advisory Committee, with the Zone Chairman as Chairman thereof. This Committee shall meet at

such time, date and place as shall be determined by the Zone Chairman, but always in accordance with the current policy established by the Association.

### **Section 15**

Rules of Procedure, the Agenda and all other matters relating to District Governor's Advisory Meetings shall be determined by the District Governor, or in default, by the Chairman of the meeting, who may permit persons other than those mentioned in the previous section to attend such meetings.

### **Past District Governors**

### **Section 16**

The District Governor may appoint a District Governor's Honorary Committee composed of past international officers who are members in good standing of clubs within the district. This committee shall meet as and when convened by the District Governor.

### **Cabinet Secretary**

### **Section 17**

The Cabinet Secretary, under the supervision of the District Governor, shall carry out such duties as the District Governor may assign to him/her. He/she shall give at least ten [10] days previous written notice of Cabinet Meetings and shall, as soon as possible after each meeting, mail to each officer, the Executive Officer of Multiple District 201 Council, and the Board of Directors of the Association an accurate report of the proceedings. His/her records must be available at all times to the District Governor. He/she shall cause to be kept an accurate record of the proceedings at District Conventions and meetings. He/she shall be reimbursed for any approved expenses and he/she may be paid an honorarium.

### **Magazine**

### **Section 18**

The Cabinet may publish a magazine or newsletter or such other publication as it may deem desirable to assist the object of the District.

## **ARTICLE 7**

### **Election of District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor and 2nd Vice District Governor.**

**[See section 9 for election of Directors of Foundations, etc.]**

### **Section 1**

The delegates attending the Annual District Convention shall, at each Convention, elect a District Governor, in accordance with procedures laid down in Section 6 of Article 9 of the Lions Clubs International Constitution Bylaws a 1st Vice District Governor and 2nd Vice District Governor for the following financial year, by secret ballot, by the preferential system of voting as set out in the Commonwealth Electoral Act for the election of Members of the House of Representatives.

## **Qualifications**

### **Section 2**

No person shall be entitled to be elected as District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor or 2nd Vice District Governor unless he/she is qualified in accordance with the provisions of the International Constitution Bylaws of the Association.

[See article 9, section 4 of the Association constitution, as amended from time to time]

### **Section 3**

#### **Vacancies**

In the event of a vacancy arising in the office of First Vice District Governor the currently serving Second Vice District Governor shall assume that office. In the event of a vacancy arising in the office of Second Vice District Governor the District Governor shall convene a meeting of the members of the existing cabinet as provided for in the International Constitution and By-Laws and all Past International Officers who are members in good standing of a Chartered Lions Club in good standing in the District. It shall be the duty of the attendees at this meeting to appoint a qualified club member as Second Vice District Governor for the remainder of the term. In filling said vacancy, it shall be the duty of the District Governor, or if not available, the most recent Past District Governor who is available, to send out invitations to attend said meeting and shall also be his/her responsibility to preside as chairperson of the meeting. The chairperson shall convey the results to the International Office within seven (7) days together with evidence of invitations sent and meeting attendance. Each Lion that is entitled to receive an invitation to attend and is present at the said meeting shall be entitled to cast one vote for the Lion of his/her choice. In the event that the vacancy in the office of First Vice District Governor cannot be filled by the assumption of that role by the currently serving Second Vice District Governor the vacancy shall be filled by appointment in like manner to the fulfilment of a vacancy in the office of Second Vice District Governor.

#### **Nominations**

Nominations shall be in writing, certified by the President and/or Secretary of the Club of which he/she is a member [or he/she is endorsed by the majority of lions clubs in the district and such endorsement is certified in writing by the President and/or Secretary of such clubs] and such certification or endorsement [as the case may be] together with the nominee's written consent is delivered to the Cabinet Secretary at least sixty [60] days prior to the date fixed for the opening ceremony of the District Convention; or he/she is nominated from the floor of the District Convention in accordance with Section 8 of this article; and the District Nominations Committee, or such other person or committee appointed by the District Governor for that purpose, shall have confirmed his/her eligibility.

#### **Electioneering Material**

### **Section 4**

In order to ensure equality between candidates the following conditions must be complied with:-

[a] Electioneering material shall be limited to one sheet of paper, not exceeding A4 size which may be printed on one or both sides. It should contain facts about the candidate's

history, family, professional or business background and such other information as is required. It may contain a statement on the candidate's policies for his/her term of office. A current photograph of the candidate and a statement by the candidate's nominating club may form part of this material. A copy of this material must be submitted to the Constitution and By-laws Chairman for approval prior to distribution.

[b] The electioneering material defined in paragraph [a] may be distributed by the candidate himself/herself or by the candidate's club, or through the Cabinet Secretary's club mailing system. No other material may accompany it. Such a distribution may occur once only and may be sent to clubs in District 201W2 and to Past District Governors who are members of clubs in 201W2. Material sent to clubs may be addressed to either the club secretary or the club president. Such distributions must be completed at least fourteen [14] days prior to the date of the opening ceremony of the convention where the election is to take place.

[c] No organised functions, receptions, giveaways or other similar promotions in support of a candidate shall be permitted.

[d] No electioneering material shall be published or distributed by individual Lions or Clubs endorsing the candidature of any prospective District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor or 2nd Vice District Governor except as allowed in paragraph [a].

[e] Copies of the approved electioneering material may also be delivered to the Cabinet Secretary to be distributed to delegates at the time of delegate registration.

## **Notice to Clubs**

### **Section 5**

The Cabinet Secretary shall post or deliver written advice of the persons nominated to each club in the District and to the Executive Officer of Multiple District 201 at least thirty days prior to the opening of the district convention.

## **Speeches**

### **Section 6**

At any convention where an election is to be held a nominating speech on behalf of each candidate shall be made to the convention by a person selected by the candidate. The nominating speech shall not exceed four [4] minutes for each candidate and a warning signal shall be given thirty [30] seconds before such time elapses. A candidate's speech shall be limited to five [5] minutes and a warning signal shall be given thirty seconds before such time elapses.

## **No Contest**

### **Section 7**

When only one eligible candidate is nominated for District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor or 2nd Vice District Governor then the District Governor shall conduct the election in accordance with the Lions Clubs International Constitution as amended from time to time. The candidate may address the convention and the District Governor may invite a person selected by the candidate to introduce the candidate to the convention.

## **No Nomination**

### **Section 8**

[a] Should no proper nomination have been made under section 2 of this article or should the only qualified nominee die or withdraw prior to the time of the matter being dealt with at the convention then nominations shall be sought from the floor from delegates at the convention.

[b] Such nominations must be made at a time designated on the programme for that purpose on behalf of members suitably qualified and who shall have signified in writing their willingness to stand for election.

[c] Where nominations are made pursuant to this section the time for nominating speeches and candidate speeches shall be as set out in section 4 hereof.

## **Election of Directors of Foundations and Institutes, and Members of State Committees**

### **Section 9**

[a] Any Lion, who is a member in good standing of a club in the district in good standing may be nominated for election to any vacancy on the board of directors of any state foundation or state committee. Such nominations shall be in writing, signed by the club president or secretary. The nominee's written consent is also required.

Such nominations must be received by the Cabinet Secretary at least sixty [60] days prior to the date of the opening ceremony of the convention where the election is to take place. In accordance with District Policy Minutes & Guidelines, section 4, item 4.2 nominees may be given time to speak to their nomination.

[b] Should there be insufficient nominations to fill all vacancies the District Governor shall declare those Lions nominated within the prescribed time duly elected.

The District Governor shall then call for nominations from the floor of the convention sufficient to fill the positions left vacant. In all cases such nominations from the floor shall be supported by written evidence that the nominee has consented to the nomination.

[c] Where an election is necessary it shall be by secret ballot. Such ballot shall be by the preferential system as set out in the Commonwealth Electoral Act for the election of Members of the House of Representatives.

## **ARTICLE 8**

### **Finances**

#### **Fees**

##### **Section 1**

Each club shall pay to the Cabinet Treasurer, to defray district administrative costs, an amount of \$25.00 per member per annum, made up of \$4.50 Convention Fund, \$3.50 Membership Development Fund, \$17.00 General Administrative costs. Any alteration in fee structure to be determined by a convention.

This amount shall be due and payable in two semi annual payments as follows:-

[a] One half thereof on the 10th of August of each year to cover the period 1st July to 31st December

and

[b] One half thereof on the 10th of February of each year to cover the period 1st January to 30th June.

These billings shall be based on the membership of each club at the 1st of July and the 1st of January respectively. Where a convention has determined prior to the 31st December in any financial year that the fee per member shall be increased for that financial year, the amount of the increase shall become due and payable on the following 10th February in addition to the semi-annual payment.

## **Section 2**

New clubs will be liable for fees from 1st July or 1st January, which first occurs after the date which appears on the Charter and reorganised clubs will be liable for fees from 1st July or 1st January, which occurs after the date of reorganisation.

## **Cheques**

### **Section 3**

District fees shall become and remain a district fund and subject to section 4 hereof shall be disbursed only for district administration expenses as approved by cabinet. Payments shall be by cheques drawn and signed by any two signatories approved by cabinet, one of whom shall be the Cabinet Treasurer.

## **Convention Fund**

### **Section 4**

Out of the fee referred to in Section 1 hereof \$4.50 per club member per annum which shall be paid into the District Convention Fund to defray district convention costs for purposes other than hospitality.

## **Other Funds**

### **Section 5**

(a) Out of the fee referred to in Section 1 hereof \$17.00 per club member per annum which shall be paid into the District General Fund.

(b) Out of the fee referred to in Section 1 hereof \$3.50 per club member per annum which shall be paid into the District Membership Development Fund.

## **Audit**

### **Section 6**

There shall be an audit of all books and accounts of the District after the close of each financial year for presentation to the succeeding District Governor by the end of the month of August after he takes office. The Auditor shall be appointed by Cabinet. No person shall be appointed as Auditor unless he is a member of the Australian Society of Certified Practising

Accountants or of the Institute of Chartered Accountants or any professional body succeeding either of these bodies.

### **Section 7**

Any balance of district funds at the close of the financial year shall be handed to the incoming District Governor to be used at the discretion of his Cabinet.

### **Multiple District Funds**

#### **Section 8**

Any fees payable from time to time to Multiple District 201 Council shall be collected by the Cabinet Treasurer of the District and forwarded by him to the Multiple District Council Executive Officer by the due date.

### **Activities Account**

#### **Section 9**

District Funds raised as a result of activities undertaken by Lions Clubs of the District shall, unless raised for a specific purpose which was outlined at the commencement of the activity, be distributed in such amounts and at such times and in such areas as shall be determined by a Convention or Cabinet.

#### **Section 10**

An insurance policy to provide fidelity bonding for the Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Treasurer shall be effected at the expense of the District.

### **Treasurer**

#### **Section 11**

The Cabinet Treasurer under the supervision of the District Governor shall carry out such duties relating to finance and accounts as the District Governor may assign to him. The Treasurer's books and accounts must be available at all times to the District Governor and any duly qualified auditor appointed by the Cabinet. He/she shall be reimbursed for any approved expenses and he/she may be paid an honorarium.

## **ARTICLE 9**

### **District Convention**

#### **Section 1**

The district shall hold a convention in each financial year.

## **Determination**

### **Section 2**

The city or town where a convention shall be held shall be determined by the convention held two years before the convention in respect of which the application or decision is being made.

## **Application**

### **Section 3**

Any club desiring to be the convention host club of a convention shall make application in writing to the Cabinet Secretary at least sixty days prior to the date fixed for the opening ceremony of the convention at which the decision is to be made. Each such application shall set out particulars of the proposals and the club's reasons for considering the same to be suitable and shall be considered by the convention.

## **No Nomination**

### **Section 4**

If no nomination is submitted at the convention in accordance with this article or if the convention should not accept any nomination duly made, or an elected club withdraws, the District Governor [in office at the time when the decision would normally be made pursuant to section 2 hereof ] shall determine the city or town where the convention shall be held.

## **Control of Convention Programme**

### **Section 5**

Decisions pertaining to the venues, accommodation, or other matters related to the conduct of a convention [including budgetary matters] must be ratified by the District Governor holding office at the time such decisions are made. Notwithstanding such ratification, the District Governor may alter any decision previously made if he/she has reason to do so.

### **Section 6**

The District Governor shall preside over the convention and all the convention arrangements shall be under his/her supervision and control.

## **Convention Organising Committee**

### **Section 7**

The District Governor may appoint a Convention Organising Committee, and such other convention or convention-related committees as he/she may from time to time determine. He/she shall appoint a chairman to all such committees and designate the duties of such chairmen and their committees. He/she may remove and/or replace any person so appointed.

## **Delegates**

### **Section 8**

The delegates at each convention shall be determined in accordance with the provision of the Constitution of the Association.

## **Past District Governors**

### **Section 9**

Each Past District Governor who is a member in good standing, and a member of a club within the District shall be a delegate of the Convention with full rights as such, independent of the ordinary club quota of his/her club.

## **District Governor**

### **Section 10**

The District Governor shall be a delegate of the Convention with full voting rights as such, independent of the ordinary club quota for his/her club.

## **ARTICLE 10**

### **District Convention Expenses**

#### **Section 1**

The Convention Organising Committee, subject to direction from the District Governor or the Cabinet shall be authorised to incur such expenses as are incidental to the running of the Convention out of district funds.

### **Hospitality Fee**

#### **Section 2**

A hospitality fee, the amount of which shall be determined by the District Governor or the Cabinet, shall be collected from each person who applies to attend each convention, and who wishes to participate in activities designated as "hospitality activities." [this includes meals, social functions, etc.] This fee will be collected by the Convention Organising Committee and used to meet hospitality expenses exclusively. The Convention Organising Committee may make such refunds of hospitality fees as it shall think fair and proper, subject to any directions from the District Governor.

### **Surplus**

#### **Section 3**

Any surplus from moneys collected by the Convention Organising Committee shall be handed to the Cabinet Treasurer for disposal in such manner as the Cabinet may decide, after giving due consideration to the maintenance of the District Convention Fund at such a level that ensures that District will be able to meet deficits that may occur from time to time. A deficit shall, nevertheless, be dealt with as the cabinet shall see fit.

## **Accounts**

### **Section 4**

The Convention Organising Committee shall submit to the District Governor audited statements of the convention accounts within ninety days [90 days] of the close of the convention, such audit having been made by a person qualified to audit the District accounts pursuant to article 8, section 6 hereof, and a copy of such audited statements shall be forwarded to each club in the district during the following month, and shall be submitted to the District Convention.

## **ARTICLE 11**

### **Convention Motions**

#### **Section 1**

Subject to sections 4 and 6 hereof the only motions to be considered at a convention shall be those which:

[a] have been submitted in writing to the Cabinet Secretary not less than sixty [60] days prior to the date of the opening of the convention by a club within the District and which are signed by the club's president or secretary; or

[b] have been approved by cabinet for submission to the Convention not less than sixty [60] days prior to the date of the opening of convention; provided that the limit of sixty [60] days shall be increased to ninety [90] days in the case of any motion to establish a District Project.

## **Projects**

### **Section 2**

Any motion to establish a district project must contain full organisational details of the project and the financial responsibilities of the clubs within the District which decide to participate in the project, and where the details of the project are being amended, such motion must contain sufficient information to identify the effect of the amendment on the organisational details of the project and the financial responsibilities of the participating clubs. Any financial responsibilities which may fall to District 201W2 must also be detailed. 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. At the expiry of that time the project is to be wound up as a District Project or a motion brought to District Convention for an extension of the project for a further period of up to three (3) calendar years."

## **Notice To Clubs**

### **Section 3**

The Cabinet Secretary shall post or deliver to all clubs within the District a copy of all motions to be placed before the Convention [ and the basic information submitted on a motion relating to a District project] at least thirty [30] days [or in the case of motions to establish a district project at least forty five [45] days] prior to the opening of convention.

## **Late Notices**

### **Section 4**

Notwithstanding any of the provisions of this article a motion [ except any motion concerning the adoption of a district project activity of any nature] may be considered by the convention as a Late Notice of Motion provided that:

[a] [i] it arises as the result of debate or action taken at the convention relating to a motion received in time; or

[ii] it arises as a result of a recommendation contained in an official forum report to the convention on a matter pertaining to a topic scheduled for discussion at that forum; or

[iii] it relates to a happening or event occurring between the due date for lodgement of motions and the commencement of the convention and is approved by the District Governor as a proper matter for inclusion in the agenda of the convention as a late notice of motion; and

[b] at least three quarters of the delegates present and voting support the admission of such a motion to the convention programme or agenda; and

[c] the late notice of motion is supported by a written submission signed by the president of a Lions Club on behalf of the club, or by the District Governor.

## **Delegates Voting**

### **Section 5**

A vote on any question can be cast only by a delegate present [ which for the purposes of this article includes alternate delegates acting as delegates]

### **Section 6**

Sections 1, 3 and 4 of this article shall not apply to motions of a formal nature.

## **Effect**

### **Section 7**

Any motion carried at a convention should take effect at the close of the convention unless otherwise specified in that motion.

## **Copies of Proceedings**

### **Section 8**

A copy of the complete proceedings of the Convention shall be supplied to the Association and to the District Governor in accordance with the provisions of the constitution of the Association, and to each club in the district which shall request the same in writing from the Cabinet Secretary within twenty one [21] days of the close of the Convention.

## **ARTICLE 12**

### **Suspension or Cancellation of Club Charter**

#### **Section 1**

Where the charter of any club within the district is cancelled by the Association the property of the club, including all moneys standing to its credit at any bank and all other funds shall forthwith vest in the District Governor on behalf of this district, who may receive all property, moneys, and funds and give all necessary receipts and discharges to any person or persons or corporation for the time being holding such property, moneys or funds. The District may [if approved by cabinet] satisfy any liabilities of such a club and dispose of the net assets of such club [if any] for the benefit of the district and the area in which the club is situated, provided that such funds disposed of into the custody of another organisation located within the State of Western Australia, and incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act [1987] of that state. All actions shall be subject, nevertheless to the law for the time being in force in the State or Territory in which the club is situated.

## **ARTICLE 13**

### **Dissolution**

Upon the dissolution of this district either by agreement of the District in accordance with a resolution carried at a District Convention by a seventy five percent [75%] majority of delegates voting thereon or by the decision of the Association, the property and assets of the District shall vest in such other Lions Clubs or Lions Districts and in such proportions as such resolution may provide or the Association [or in default the Council of Multiple District 201] shall determine provided that all such funds shall be applied to charitable purposes within the meaning of the laws of the State of Western Australia {Associations Incorporation Act [1987]} in which the majority of the clubs in the district are located or to another Lions Club or Clubs or Lions district constituted principally within that State or Territory. Funds held for a particular purpose should be applied to a purpose as closely as is practicable to that purpose.

## **ARTICLE 14**

### **Amendments**

#### **Section 1**

This constitution may be amended only at a convention by a resolution adopted by the affirmative of seventy five percent [75%] of the votes cast on such a motion.

## **Section 2**

Article 11 hereof shall apply to any notice of any motion to amend this constitution.

## **Section 3**

Each amendment shall take effect at the close of the convention at which it was adopted unless otherwise specified in the amendment.

## **ARTICLE 15**

### **By-Laws.**

Subject to the constitution of the Association and its by-laws and to this constitution, the District Cabinet and the District Convention by notice of motion submitted and approved in accordance with this constitution shall have the power to make such by-laws as shall be deemed necessary with respect to the conduct and administration of the district and for the purpose of carrying out its duties and may repeal or amend such by-laws at any time.

## **ARTICLE 16**

### **Power to Distribute Funds**

The income and property of the District, however derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the object of the 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 of the district or to Lions members or to relatives of such members, provided that nothing herein shall prevent the payment in good faith of an honorarium to any officer or servant of the district or to any Lions member in return for any services actually rendered to the district or the payment of interest on any moneys borrowed by the district from a club or a Lions member.

## **ARTICLE 17**

### **Annual General Meeting**

The District will hold an Annual General Meeting. This meeting shall be conducted in conjunction with the District's Annual Convention. It shall be placed in the convention programme at a time decided by the District Governor when he is drawing up the programme.

## **BYLAW 1**

All clubs in the district shall forward to the cabinet secretary an audited statement of the financial affairs of the club to cover all accounts to be received by the cabinet secretary prior to 30th September and to cover the financial period previous to 30th June. Any club that has not submitted to the Cabinet Treasurer its audited financial statements which were due in the previous financial year (which would be one year overdue) will not be granted delegate voting status at the District Convention.

**BY-LAW 2**

Any club that has not paid any or all of ;

[1] Multiple District and District dues within thirty [30] days of the due date;

[2] the costs of any Lions goods purchased by the invoice date;

and further has not responded within two weeks of a final notice sent to the President by the Cabinet Treasurer shall be charged a late payment fee of \$25.00 per month or part thereof effective from the invoice due date, and such fee will accrue until payment of the invoice total plus the late payment fee is received by the Cabinet Treasurer. Any club that has not paid its July District dues to the Cabinet Treasurer by the opening of the District Convention will not be granted delegate voting status at the District Convention.

**BY-LAW 3**

Cash insurance cover is compulsory for all Lions, Lioness and Leo Clubs in Multiple District 201. The cash insurance premium is to be included on the District Dues invoice and paid at the same time as the dues.

**BY-LAW 4**

No Lions Club or group shall organise a social function during the duration of the District Convention other than those authorised by the Convention Organising Committee.