



The International Association  
of  
Lions Clubs

District 2-A2

Constitution & By-Laws

Ratified May 3, 1997 – District Convention, Uvalde, Texas  
Hugh Scott – District Governor

The Constitution and By-Laws Committee of District 2-A2, under District Governor Hugh Scott, compiled and presented this Constitution and By-Laws to the District 2-A2 Convention in Uvalde, Texas on May 3, 1997 for Ratification.

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THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS OF LIONS CLUBS

DISTRICT 2-A2 CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I NAME

Section 1. This Organization shall be known as District 2-A2 (hereinafter referred to as “The District”) of the International Association of Lions Clubs (hereinafter referred to as “Lions International”).

ARTICLE II OBJECTS

Section 1. To provide an administrative structure with which to advance the purpose and objects of Lions International in this District.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The members of this Organization shall be all of the Lions Clubs in the District chartered by Lions International. The boundaries of this District shall be composed of the following Texas Counties:

Atascosa	Edwards	Kerr	Maverick	Uvalde	Zavala
Bandera	Frio	Kinney	McMullen	Val Verde	
Bexar	Gillespie	La Salle	Medina	Webb	
Dimmit	Kendall	Live Oak	Real	Wilson	

ARTICLE IV AUTHORITY

The Constitution and By-Laws of Lions International are hereby made a part of this document. Where conflict occurs, the latest edition of Lions International Constitution and By-Laws take precedence.

ARTICLE V DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

Section 1. Cabinets & Officers

A. The District shall have a District Cabinet composed of the District Governor, Immediate Past District Governor, Vice Governor, Region Chairman, if utilized by the District Governor, Zone Chairman, Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer or Secretary and Treasurer, Crippled Children's Camp Directors and the Heads of the all Boards and Foundations.

The members of the District Cabinet shall be the voting Officers of the District. Each such Officer shall be a member in good standing of a Lions Club in good standing in the District.

B. The District Governor and the Vice Governor shall be elected at the Annual Convention of the District. The District Governor shall appoint, by the time he takes Office, the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer, Region Chairman, if so utilized by the District Governor, for each Region and Zone a Chairman for each Zone in the District.

C. Any vacancy in any District Office, except that of District Governor, shall be filled by appointment of the District Governor for the unexpired term thereof.

D. If any District Officer should move out of the District, his or her office shall be declared vacant and the Office shall be filled in accordance with the District Constitution and By-Laws and the Constitution and By-Laws of Lions International.

1. If any Region Chairman or Zone Chairman should move from their Region or Zone, they shall be replaced in accordance with the 2-A2 District Constitution and By-Laws.

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

## Section 2. District Cabinet Meetings

A. REGULAR: A regular meeting of the Cabinet shall be held in the first three (3) quarters of the fiscal year. The fourth quarter meeting shall be optional with the Governor, with the first to held within thirty (30) days after the adjournment of the preceding International Convention. Ten (10) days written notice of meetings setting forth a date, time and place determined by the District Governor, shall be given to each member by the Cabinet Secretary.

B. SPECIAL: Special Meetings of the Cabinet may be called by the District Governor at his/her discretion, and shall be called upon written request made to the District Governor or the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer by a majority of the members of the Cabinet. Not

fewer than five (5) or more than ten (10) days written or telegraphic notice of Special Meetings, setting forth the purposes thereof and a date, time and place determined by the District Governor, shall be given each member by the Cabinet Secretary or Secretary-Treasurer.

C. QUORUM AND VOTE: The attendance of a majority of the Members of the Cabinet shall constitute a quorum for any meeting thereof. The District Governor shall have a vote in such meetings.

### Section 3. Regions and Zones

A. The District Governor shall divide the District into Regions of no more than sixteen (16) and no fewer than ten (10) Lions Clubs, and each Region into Zones of no more than eight (8) and no fewer than four (4) Lions Clubs, giving due regard to the geographical locations of the Clubs. All such Regions and Zones shall be subject to change by the District Governor, when, in his/her sole discretion, he/she shall deem the same necessary to the best interest of Lions International.

### Section 4. District Committee

A. District Governor's Advisory Committee. In each Zone, the Zone Chairman and the Presidents and Secretaries of the Clubs in the Zone shall compose the District Governor's Advisory Committee, with the Zone Chairman as Chairman thereof. At the date, time and place called by the Zone Chairman, this Committee shall hold a first meeting within ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the preceding International Convention: A second meeting in the Month of November and third meeting in the month of February or March.

B. District Governor's Honorary Committee. The District Governor may appoint a District Governor's Honorary Committee composed of Past District Governors who are members in good standing of clubs within the District. This committee shall meet when and as called upon by the District Governor.

C. District Governor's Long Range Planning Committee. This Committee shall consist of the immediate past seven (7) District Governors living in District 2-A2, with the most recent Past District Governor as Chairman. This group shall meet at the needs and discretion of the District Governor.

## ARTICLE VI DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION FUND

Section 1. To provide revenue to defray the Non-Convention Administrative expenses of the District, an Administrative Fund with per capita dues shall be established by the delegates of the District Convention. Any changes from the previous year the Governor shall give all clubs a thirty (30) day notice before the District Convention of any proposed changes in these dues. These dues shall be levied upon each club member in the District. It shall be collected and paid in advance by each club in two (2) semi-annual payments. One half (1/2) of total payment per club member on or before September 10 of each year and the remainder on or before March 10 of each year. The billings based on the clubs roster the first day of July and the first day of January respectively. The dues shall be aid to the District Secretary-Treasurer.

Those newly chartered and re-organized clubs shall collect the dues on a prorated basis from the first day of the second month following the date of their organization.

Failure to pay the per capita dues shall cause the club to be in arrears in District dues.

Section 2. Expenses of the District Governor in connection with his/her attending the International Convention shall be considered a District Administrative expense. Such expense shall not exceed the amount set forth in the approved budget approved at the first Cabinet Meeting.

Section 3. The District Governor and his Cabinet shall not incur obligations in any fiscal year which will effect an unbalanced budget or deficit in said fiscal year.

Section 4. The Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer or Secretary and Treasurer of District 2-A2 and the Treasurers of all District Boards and Foundations now in existence or any future Boards and Foundations shall be bonded by Multiple District 2 Bond and the same shall be an Administrative Expense.

Section 5. The District Governor shall provide for an annual or more frequent audit of the books and accounts of District 2-A2 which shall include District 2-A2 Cabinet Treasurer and Treasurers of all Boards and Foundations now in existence or any future Boards or Foundations of District s-A2.

The Audit Committee appointed by the District Governor and approved by the District Cabinet, shall be appointed no later than the Mid-Winter Conference of the year concerned and a statement of the financial condition of the District shall be sent to Lions International and presented at the first Cabinet Meeting to each club in the District or within sixty (60) days after the close of the fiscal year by the District Governor then in office.

## ARTICLE VII DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Section 1. An Annual Convention of the District shall be held in each year prior to the International Convention and Multiple District 2 Convention. The Convention city shall be selected as provided in Section 2 below.

Section 2. The District Governor, during his/her term of office may at his/her discretion hold the District Convention at any such place with the boundaries of District 2-A2.

Section 3. The Members of the District Cabinet shall be the Officers of the Annual Convention.

Section 4. A Convention Sergeant-At-Arms and Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms, as needed, shall be appointed by the District Governor.

Section 5. Each Chartered Club in good standing in Lions International and the District shall be represented by one or more delegates at the Annual District Convention and shall be entitled in each such Convention to one voting delegate and one alternate for each ten members, or major fraction thereof, of said Club as shown by the records of the International Office on the first day of the month last preceding that month during which the Convention is held. The major fraction referred to in this Section shall be five (5) or more members. Each certified delegate present in person may cast one vote only for each office to be filled and one vote only on each issue to be voted on by the members of said Convention. Unless otherwise specified herein, the affirmative vote of a majority of delegates voting on any question shall be the act of the Convention.

Section 5A. Each Past District Governor of this District that is a member in good standing of a Club in good standing shall be entitled to be a voting delegate. Such right will not be counted as part of the number of delegates that a Club is allowed by Section 5 above.

Section 6. The attendance in person of a majority of the delegates registered at a Convention shall constitute a Quorum at any session of the Convention.

Section 7. The District Governor shall retain and have power to change any time, for good reason, the Convention site chosen by a previous District Convention, and neither the District Governor, nor the District, nor any member of the District Cabinet shall incur any liability thereby to any Club or Club Member in the District.

Section 8. Within sixty (60) days after the close of the Convention an official report of the Convention proceedings shall be mailed to Lions International and each Club in the District by the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer or presented at the first Cabinet Meeting.

THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
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DISTRICT 2-A2 CONSTITUTION  
BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I DISTRICT NOMINATION AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. Each District Governor shall appoint by written notification received at least thirty (30) days prior to the District Convention, a Nominating Committee of not more than five (5) members each of whom shall be a member in good standing of a different Lions Club in good standing in the District. A member of each Club that has a candidate for Vice Governor and Governor shall be represented on said Committee.

1A. There shall be no political activity or political announcements by any Candidate for District 2-A2 Office prior to the Mid-Winter Conference. All political activity will be limited to the Candidate's own Club prior to the Mid-Winter Conference.

Section 2. Any member of a Club in the District seeking the Office of District Governor shall file his/her intention to so run in writing with the District Governor no later than thirty (30) days prior to the Convention, and furnish therewith evidence of his/her compliance with the qualifications for said Office set out in the International Constitution and By-Laws. The Nominating Committee shall place in nomination at the District Convention, the names of all candidates so qualified. If none are so received and or qualified, then, but only then, nominations for the office may be made from the floor. Each candidate shall be allowed one nominating speech of no more than five (5) minutes duration and one seconding speech of no more than three (3) minutes duration.

Section 3. Any member of a Club in the District seeking the Office of Vice Governor shall file his/her intention to so run, in writing, with the District Governor no later than thirty (30) days prior to the Convention, and furnish therewith evidence of his/her compliance with the qualifications for said office set out in the International Constitution and By-Laws for the Office of Vice Governor. The Nominating Committee shall place in nomination at the District Convention the names of all candidates so qualified. If none are so received or qualified, then, but only then, nominations for the office may be made from the floor. Each candidate shall be allowed one nominating speech of no more than five (5) minutes duration and one seconding speech of nor more than three (3) minutes duration.

Section 3A. A candidate for the Office of District Governor shall:

A. Be an active member in good standing of a Chartered Lions Club in good standing in his or her District.

B. Secure the endorsement of his or her Club or a majority of the Clubs in his or her District.

C. Currently be serving as the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor within the District from which he or she is to be elected.

D. Only in the event the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor does not stand for election as District Governor or if a vacancy in the position of the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor exists at the time of the District Convention. Any club member who fulfills the qualifications for the Office of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Governor as set forth in Section 8 of Article 4 and who is currently serving or who has served one (1) additional year as a member of the District Cabinet shall fulfill the requirements of sub sections of this Section.

Section 3B. A Candidate for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor shall:

A. Be an active member in good standing of a Chartered Lions Club in good standing in his or her District.

B. Secure the endorsement of his or her club or a majority of the Clubs in his or her District.

C. Have served or will have served at the time he or she takes office as 1st Vice Governor:

1. As President of a Lions Club for full term or a major portion thereof and a member of the Board of Directors of a Lions Club for no less than two (2) additional years and

2. Zone Chairman or Region Chairman or Cabinet Secretary and or Treasurer for a full term or a major portion there of.

3. With none of the above being accomplished concurrently.

Section 3C. A candidate for second vice district governor shall:

A. Be an active member in good standing of a Chartered Lions Club in good standing in his or her District.

B. Secure the endorsement of his or her club or a majority of the Clubs in his or her District.

C. Have served or will have served at the time he or she takes office as 2nd Vice Governor.

1. As President of a Lions Club for full term or a major portion thereof and a member of the Board of Directors of a Lions Club for no less than two (2) additional years and

2. Zone Chairman or Region Chairman or Cabinet Secretary and or Treasurer for a full term or a major portion there of.

3. With none of the above being accomplished concurrently.

D. Specific duties of the second vice district governor are:

1. Further the purpose of the association;

2. Work with other district officers to promote membership, new club organization, and member retention;

3. Attend cabinet meetings;

4. Preside at cabinet meetings and other meetings in the absence of the governor or first vice district governor;

5. Monitor the health of clubs by regularly reviewing LCI recap and membership reports; develop action steps to assist declining clubs in coordination with MERL teams and zone/region chairs;

6. Assist in preparation of the budget and other matters to be continued in the following year;

7. Supervise appropriate district committees as requested by the district governor;

8. Accept and complete other duties as required by the association's policy or as assigned by the district governor. For example: conduct club visitations, offer assistance to declining clubs, work with the District Convention, LCIF and

Information Technology Committees.

9. Become familiar with the responsibilities of the district governor and first vice district governor.

E. All candidates for office of the 1<sup>st</sup> vice district governor and 2<sup>nd</sup> vice district governor of District 2-A2 shall notify the District Secretary, in writing, thirty (30) days prior to the District Convention, that they have read and understand the District Constitution and By-Laws.

#### Section 4. Elections

The Election shall be by secret written ballot, unless there shall be only one nominee, in which event a voice vote may be taken. The candidate receiving the largest number of the votes cast shall be declared elected. In case of a tie vote on any ballot for any candidate, the Election Committee shall prepare lots and the candidates receiving the tie votes shall cast lots before the Election Committee with one hour after the election shall have been declared a tie. If any such candidate shall fail to appear with said hour, a member of the Election Committee shall cast a lot for him or her. The candidate to whom the lot shall fall shall be declared elected. The type of lot to be cast shall be determined by the Election Committee.

Section 5. In the event of a vacancy in the Office of District Governor, the same shall be filled in accordance with provision of the International Constitution. The remaining Cabinet Officers and members of the District Governor's Honorary Committee shall convene at a date, time and place called and determined by the Immediate Past District Governor to select a replacement for recommendation to the International Board of Directors.

Section 6. In the event of a vacancy in the Office of Vice Governor, the same shall be filled by the remaining District Cabinet Officers presided over by the District Governor.

#### ARTICLE II DUTIES

Section 1. District Governor. The District shall act under the general supervision of the International Board of Directors as the Representative of Lions International in this District and shall have general supervision over all Lions Clubs therein. In addition, he/she shall:

A. Further the purposes and objects of Lions International;

B. Supervise organization of new Lions Clubs;

- C. Promote cordial relations among the Chartered Lions Clubs;
- D. Preside over all Cabinet, Convention and other District Meetings;
- E. Endeavor to visit each Club at least once during his/her term of office;
- F. Exercise such supervision and authority over Cabinet Officers and District Committee Appointees as is provided in this Constitution, including, but not by way of limitations, the following;

1. Supervise the collection of all per capita dues by the Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer or Secretary and Treasurer, designate a depository(s) with approval of the District Cabinet, for said funds and authorize the payment therefrom of all legitimate expenses pertaining to the Administration of the affairs of the District.

2. Secure the Surety Bond for the Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer through Multiple District 2 and secure a Treasurer Surety Bond for all Lions in District 2-A2;

3. Secure and publish in the District Newsletter prior to each meeting of the Cabinet, District Financial Reports from the Secretary-Treasurer.

4. Provide for an annual or more frequent audit of the books and accounts of the Cabinet Treasurer and the Treasurers of all Boards and Foundations that now exist and any future Boards and Foundations. Set up a definite schedule of dates, times and places of Cabinet Meetings to be held during the fiscal year.

- G. Submit a current itemized statement of total District receipts and expenditure to the Annual District Convention;

- H. Submit such other reports and perform such duties as may be required by the International Board of Directors;

- I. Deliver, forthwith, at the terminations of his/her Office, all District Accounts, Funds and Records to his/her successor in office.

- J. The District Governor shall carry over to the next Administration no less amount of funds than were carried over from the previous Administration.

All Funds carried forward will be in U.S. Currency only and made available to the Governor elect on June 1 of each year.

A limit of \$7,500 (seven thousand, five hundred) will be placed on funds carried forward. Any excess funds will be divided proportionally to the various entities that make up the Clubs' 100% (one hundred percent) participation of the District.

## SECTION II VICE GOVERNOR

The Vice Governor shall act under the supervision of the District Governor. In addition, he/she shall:

- A. Further the purposes and objects of Lions International;
- B. Supervise organization of new Lions Clubs as directed by the District Governor;
- C. Promote cordial relations among the Chartered Lions Clubs;
- D. Endeavor to visit each Club at least once during his/her term of office;
- E. Actively participate in all Cabinet and Council Meetings and conduct all meetings in the absence of the District Governor.

### Section 3. Cabinet Secretary and Treasurer

The Cabinet Secretary and Treasurer are under the supervision and direction of the District Governor. Should the Governor decide to divide the Office of Secretary-Treasurer and name a Secretary and a Treasurer, the duties of the Secretary shall be as stated District 2-A2 By-Laws, Article II, Section 3 A, B, C, D and E. The duties of the Treasurer shall be as stated in District 2-A2 By-Laws Article II, Section 3 F, G, H and I. The Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer shall;

- A. Keep an accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Cabinet and within five (5) days after each meeting, forward copies of the same to all members of the Cabinet and the Office of Lions International;
- B. Take and keep minutes of the District Convention and furnish copies of the same to Lions International and the District Governor;
- C. Assist the District Governor and the Cabinet in conducting the business of the District and perform such other duties as are specified or implied in this Constitution and By-Laws, or as may be assigned to him/her from time to time by the District Governor or the Cabinet:

D. Sign all Notices and Documents issued by the District.

E. Make an Annual Report to the Cabinet at its meeting immediately preceding the Annual District Convention and such other reports at such other times as the District Governor or Cabinet may require;

F. Collect and receipt for all per capita dues levied hereunder on members and Clubs in the District. Deposit the same in such Bank or Banks as approved at the first Cabinet Meeting and disperse the same by order of the District Governor;

G. Remit and pay over to the Multiple District Council Secretary-Treasurer the Multiple District per capita dues, the Texas Lions Camp Crippled Children per capita dues, collected in the District, and secure a proper receipt thereof;

H. Keep accurate books of account, and minutes of all Cabinet and District Meetings and permit inspection of the same by the District Governor, any Cabinet Member and any Club (or any authorized agency of any of them) at any reasonable time for any purpose. Upon direction of the District Governor or Cabinet, he shall furnish any such books and records, as requested, to any Auditor appointed by the District Governor;

I. Secure Bond for the faithful performance of his/her duties in each sum and with such sureties through Multiple District 2.

Section 4 Region Chairman – (If utilized by the Governor) he/she shall:

A. Attend the Regular and Special Meetings of the Cabinet;

B. Assist the District Governor in promoting Lionism in his/her Region by performing such duties as may be delegated to him/her from time to time by the District Governor;

C. Recommend qualified Lions in his/her Region for appointment as Zone Chairman;

D. Endeavor to have every Club, in his/her Region, operating under a duly adopted Club Constitution and By-Laws;

E. Promote representation at International and District Conventions by at least the full quota of delegates to which Cubs in his/her Region are entitled;

F. Supervise and assist the Zone Chairman of his/her Region in the performance of their official duties and cooperate with them in arranging and holding Zone Meetings and

## District Governor's Advisory Committee Meetings.

In the event the Region Chairman, for any reason, cannot or does not, in the judgment of the District Governor, perform the duties of his/her office, or in the event the office is, for any reason, vacated, the District Governor shall appoint a successor to serve for the unexpired term.

Section 5. Zone Chairman. Under the control and supervision of the District Governor and Region Chairman, he/she shall:

- A. Make a report of each District Governor's Advisory Committee Meeting and send copies within five (5) days thereafter to Lions International and to the District Governor and Region Chairman;
- B. Endeavor to have every Club in his/her Region operating under a duly adopted Club Constitution and By-Laws;
- C. Arrange, with the cooperation of his/her Region Chairman, regularly scheduled Zone Meetings;
- D. Encourage Inner-Club Meetings and Social Activities;
- E. Promote attendance at Charter Nights of newly organized Clubs;
- F. Promote representation at International and District Conventions by at least the full quota of delegates to which Clubs in his/her Zone are entitled.

In the event the Zone Chairman, for any reason, cannot or does not, in the judgment of the District Governor, perform the duties of his/her office, or in the event the office is for any reason vacated, the District Governor shall appoint a successor to serve for the unexpired term.

## Section 6. District Governor's Cabinet

The District Governor's Cabinet shall:

- A. Assist the District Governor in the performance of his/her duties and in the formulation of administrative plans and policies affecting the welfare of Lionism within the District;
- B. Serve in an advisory and administrative capacity only;

C. Receive, from the Region Chairman, reports and recommendations which concern the Clubs and Zones.

Section 7. District Governor's Advisory Committee. It shall assist the Zone Chairman in an advisory capacity; procure recommendations affecting the welfare of Lionism and the Clubs in the Zone, and relay the same through the Zone Chairman to the District Governor and His/her Cabinet.

Section 8. District Governor's Honorary Committee. It shall act under the direction of the District Governor in the promotion of harmony throughout the District. The Chairman of this Committee shall attend meetings of the Cabinet when requested by the District Governor.

Section 9. Sergeant At-Arms. The Sergeant-A-Arms shall maintain order and decorum at the respective Conventions and Meetings and perform such other duties as are incident to his/her office under Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

Section 10. Texas Lions Hall of Fame Committee. The District Governor, during whose term of office District 2-A2 shall be entitled to select a Lion to be honored as a member of the Texas Lions Hall of Fame, shall on or before the date of the Second Cabinet Meeting, appoint three (3) Lions, one of which must be a Past District Governor of District 2-A2 to serve as a Selection Committee for the Honoree of District 2-A2. In addition to these three appointees, all Past International Officers of District 2-A2 shall serve as part of the Committee and have a vote thereon. The Past District Governor selected shall be the Chairman of the Committee and he/she shall, on or before the date of the February Council of Governor's Meeting, submit the District Governor the Committee's selection for District 2-A2's honoree in the Texas Lions Hall of Fame. The selection of this Lion by the Committee shall be the nominee and the District Governor shall not have the right to override said selection.

### ARTICLE III COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Credentials Committee of the District Convention shall be composed of the Chairman and four (4) other non-officers of the District, appointed by the District Governor. The Credentials Committee shall have the powers and perform the duties set forth in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

Section 2. The District Governor shall appoint, designate the Chairman of and fill any vacancies occurring in, the following District Convention Committee; Resolutions, Constitution By-Laws, Rules and International Convention. The Committees shall perform such duties as the District Governor shall designate.

## ARTICLE IV RULES FOR CONVENTION PROCEDURE

Section 1. The District Governor shall arrange the Order of Business for the District Conventions and the same shall be the order of the day for all sessions.

Section 2. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Constitution and By-Laws, or in the Rules of Procedure adopted for a meeting, all questions or Order and Procedure in any District Meeting or Convention, any Meeting of the District Cabinet, Region, Zone or Member or Member Club or of any group or Committee or any one of them shall be determined by Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

## ARTICLE V NOMINATION AND ENDORSEMENT – INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR AND THIRD VICE PRESIDENT

Section 1. Subject to the provisions of the international Constitution and By-Laws, any member of a Lions Club in the District seeking endorsement of a District Convention as a candidate for the office of International Director or Third Vice President shall;

A. Deliver (by mail or in person) written Notice of Intention to seek such endorsement to the District Governor and, if this District is a Sub-District of a Multiple District, to the Multiple District Council Secretary/Treasurer no less than sixty (60) days prior to the convening date of the respective Convention at which such question of endorsement is to be voted upon;

B. Deliver with said Notice of Intention evidence of fulfillment of the qualifications for such Office set forth in the International Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 2. Each Notice of Intention so delivered shall be transmitted forthwith by the District Governor to the Nominating 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 qualification as may be necessary under the International Constitution and By-Laws and shall place in nomination at the respective Convention the name of each such prospective candidate who has fulfilled said procedural and Constitution requirements.

Section 3. Each such nominee for endorsement shall be entitled to one seconding speech of no more than three (3) minutes duration.

Section 4. Each qualified and registered voter shall receive a ballot and vote accordingly. The voter shall then separate the original ballot from the carbonless copy, place the original ballot in one container and place the carbonless copy in another container. At the close of the voting all

original voted ballots, all canceled ballots and all unused ballots, together with the original Voter Registration Sheets shall be placed in a sealed envelope or container and delivered to the State Office (either by personal delivery, overnight delivery service or the U.S. Postal Service as the District Governor shall determine), by the close of business on the Tuesday immediately following such election. The envelope/container shall be deemed delivered when placed in the chosen delivery service on or before the Monday following the election. The carbonless copies of the ballots and the registration sheet shall be placed in sealed envelope or container which shall be retained by the District Governor.

Section 5. Certification of Endorsement by the respective Convention shall be made, in writing, to the International Office by the District Officials designated, and in accordance with the requirements therefore set forth in the International Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 6. No endorsement of any candidacy or any member of a Lions Club in this District shall be valid unless and until the provision of this Article 5 have been met.

#### ARTICLE VI FISCAL YEAR

Section 1. The Fiscal Year of this District shall be from July One (1) through June Thirty (30).

#### ARTICLE VII AMENDMENT

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended only at a District Convention by resolution reported by the Convention Committee on Constitution and By-Laws and adopted by a two thirds (2/3) majority of delegate votes cast.

Section 2. No Amendment shall be so reported or voted upon unless the same shall have been furnished, in writing, to each Club no less than thirty (30) days prior to the convening date of the Annual Convention, with notice that the same will be voted upon by delegates of said Convention.

Section 3. Each Amendment shall take effect at the close of the Convention at which adopted unless otherwise specified in the Amendment but shall have no retroactive effect.

Section 4. The District Governor shall be responsible to have all Amendments that were ratified by the District Convention incorporated into the District Constitution and By-Laws.

## ARTICLE VIII BOARDS AND FOUNDATIONS DUES

Henceforth the assessment of per capita dues from Lions of District 2-A2 shall be set at the District 2-A2 Convention by voting delegates for all District Boards and Foundations that now exist and any future Boards and Foundations.

The District Governor shall give thirty (30) days notice to all Clubs prior to the District Convention of any proposed changes to be voted on at the District Convention.

Failure to pay the per capita dues shall cause the club to be in arrears in District Dues.

A. All District Boards and Foundations shall abide by the District 2-A2 Constitution and By-Laws and the Constitution and By-Laws of Lions International.

## ARTICLE IX

This Constitution and By-Laws shall take effect at the close of the District Convention at which the same is adopted by two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast.

## ARTICLE X DISTRICT BOARDS AND FOUNDATIONS

Section 1. The District has the following Boards and Foundations to accomplish it's goals for the betterment of mankind and to accomplish the goals of Lions International.

Ear Board, Human Needs Board, Lions Sight Research Foundation.

Section 2. All Boards and Foundation that now exist and any future Boards and Foundations shall have their Constitution and By-Laws approved by the District.

Any Amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws shall be approved by the District before they can become part of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Boards and Foundations. This approval shall be made by the Delegates of the District Convention.

Section 3. Any member in good standing of a Lions Club in good standing in the District and meeting the Qualifications of the Constitution and By-Laws of the various Boards and Foundations, may become a candidate for office where vacancies exist in these Boards and Foundations.

## ARTICLE XI MEMBERSHIP

Membership in District Lions Clubs shall be as established in Article 3, Section 9, 10, 11 of the Constitution and By-Laws of Lions International.

## ARTICLE XII OBLIGATIONS OF A CHARTERED CLUB

Section 1. The Obligation of each Chartered Club shall be as follows:

- A. To hold regularly scheduled meetings not less than twice a month.
- B. Except as otherwise provided herein, to collect from each member minimum annual dues to cover International and District (Single, Sub- and Multiple) dues and such other expenses as are necessary for Club Administration.
- C. To enforce regular attendance.
- D. To carry on activities for the advancement of the Civic, Cultural, Social or Moral Welfare of the Community and for the promotion of International understanding.
- E. To submit regular Monthly Reports to the International Office, on blanks provided by it, containing such information as may be called for by the Board of Directors of this Association.
- F. To report semi-annually to the International Office the financial condition of the Club.
- G. To elect Officers annually, not later than April 14, whose terms of office shall commence on July 1 following their election.
- H. To thoroughly investigate the background of all person proposed for membership in the club. Said investigation shall include inquires in the Community where the proposed individual resides or has a place of business or is employed.
- I. To uphold, Preserve and enhance the image of the International Association of Lions Clubs.
- J. To abide by the policies and requirements as determine, from time to time, by the International Board of Directors.
- K. To further the Lions Clubs International Objects and Lions Code of Ethics.

## ARTICLE XIII CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S CAMP DIRECTORS

Section 1. Two (2) Directors to be elected from each Sub-District of Texas Multiple District 2 of Lions International, who shall serve staggered terms of two (2) years and until their successors are chosen and qualified, and one (1) of whom shall be elected at the Annual Convention of each such Sub-District each year.

Section 2. All nominees shall be members in good standing having the following qualifications; must have been a Lions Club Member for three (3) years; have served as President of his/her club and as Chairman of his/her Club's Camp Committee and must be willing to attend, unless providentially hindered, the Regular and Special Meetings of the Camp's Board of Directors.