

DISTRICT 4-C6 LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I NAME

SECTION 1. This Organization shall be known as District 4-C6 Lions Clubs International.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

SECTION 1. The purpose of this Organization is the advancement and betterment of the District, and to spread the principles of Lionism throughout the District in full conformity with all the rules and regulations prescribed by the International Association of Lions Clubs.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. All Lions Clubs in good standing within District 4-C6 shall have membership in the Organization and shall hold same, subject to the Constitution and By-Laws of the International Association of Lions Clubs and of this District.

ARTICLE IV TERRITORY

SECTION 1. The territory of District 4-C6, Lions Clubs International, shall be the counties of Santa Cruz, San Benito, Monterey and Santa Clara, except the City of Palo Alto.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

SECTION 1. There shall be a District Governor, who shall be elected at the annual District 4-C6 convention, at least thirty days prior to the opening session of the International Convention. The District shall also elect a First and Second Vice District Governor. The District Governor and First and Second Vice District Governors must be members of clubs in good standing in the District, and shall qualify and serve in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution and Bylaws of the International Association of Lions Clubs. They shall be elected by secret ballot at the District Convention.

SECTION 2. In the event the District fails to elect a qualified District Governor or in the event of a vacancy in the office of District Governor due to death or inability to serve, such determination of inability to serve having first been made by the cabinet, the First Vice District Governor shall act as District Governor and shall perform the duties of, and have the same authority as, the District Governor until such time as the vacancy is filled under the terms and conditions of the Constitution and Bylaws of Lions Clubs International by the International Board of Directors of the remainder of the term.

SECTION 3. Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Treasurer (or Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer). There shall be a Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Treasurer (or a Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer) who shall be appointed by the District Governor prior to his taking office. The Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Treasurer (or Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer) shall act as custodian of records and monies for District 4-C6 and shall turn over all such records and monies of the office to his successor. The Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Treasurer (or Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer), as soon as practicable, but in no event after August 1, shall provide the books and accounts of District 4-C6 for review as required by Article IX, Section 5.

SECTION 4. Region Chairman and Zone Chairman. There shall be a Region Chairman, if the position is utilized during the District Governor's term, for each Region and a Zone Chairman for each Zone appointed by the District Governor within 30 days of the 4-C6 convention.

(a) Each Region and Zone Chairman shall:

- (1) Be an active member in good standing in his/her Respective Region or Zone; and
- (2) Have served or will have served at the time of taking Office as Region or Zone Chairman, as president of a Lions Club for a full term or major portion thereof, and a member of the Board of Directors of a Lions Club for no less than two (2) additional years.

(b) If any Region Chairman or Zone Chairman shall cease to be a member of a Club in the Region or Zones as the case may be, to which he/she was appointed, his/her term of office shall there upon cease and the District Governor shall appoint a successor to fill the office. Provided, however, the District Governor in his/her discretion, may determine not to use the position of Region Chairman for the remainder of the term.

SECTION 5. District Cabinet. The District Cabinet shall consist of the District Governor, First and Second Vice District Governors, Immediate Past District Governor, Region Chairmen, if the position is utilized during the District Governor's term, Zone Chairmen, Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Treasurer (or Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer) and all club Presidents. The attendance of a majority of the members of the Cabinet shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting business at any such meetings. For purpose of any such meeting

of the District Cabinet, the presence of the President of any Club may be satisfied by such replacement designated by the absent club president. The District Cabinet, meeting in regular or special session, may amend the District 4-C6 budget provided sufficient funds are available in excess of the 20% carryover required by Article IX, Section 5, of the Constitution, and all Clubs have been notified, in writing, of the proposed budgetary change.

SECTION 6. Region Chairmen. The District Governor shall have the authority to determine whether the position of Region Chairman will be utilized during his/her term. If not so utilized, the position of Region Chairman shall remain vacant during said District Governor's term.

The Region Chairman, if the position is utilized during the District Governor's term, is subject to the supervision and the direction of the District Governor and shall be the chief administrative officer in his/her region.

The Region Chairmen shall hold one regional bi-monthly meeting with the Zone Chairmen in their regions, and shall visit each club in their respective regions at least once during the year. This meeting to be in addition to the regular meeting of the District Governor to the respective clubs in his region.

SECTION 7. Zone Chairmen. The Zone Chairman shall hold at least three (3) meetings of the District Governor's Advisory Committee annually. It shall be the purpose of these meetings to exchange views and discuss the common problems of the clubs in the Zone and to instruct members of the committees in the ways and means of better functioning as Lions Clubs. The Zone Chairman shall visit each club in his Zone at least twice during the year to assist the officers of the club in any manner that he may.

SECTION 8. The acts of the Region Chairmen and Zone Chairmen shall be Advisory only.

SECTION 9A. The District Governor shall preside at the annual convention of the District. Under the general supervision of the Board of Directors of the International Association, he shall be charged with the particular duty of furthering the objects of the Association, of supervising the organization of new clubs in his District, and all other duties as defined in the International Constitution and Bylaws.

Within thirty days following the end of his term in office, the District Governor shall provide his successor with the following:

- (a) A copy of the budget for the ensuing year, under which the new Governor shall operate.
- (b) A financial statement showing the condition of the District.
- (c) A report of the last District 4-C6 spring convention which shall have been audited by the Budget and Finance Committee.
- (d) All other documents which are pertinent to the District and such other information as to him may seem pertinent in assisting his successor in planning his successor's year in office.

SECTION 9B. First Vice District Governor. The first vice district governor, subject to the supervision and direction of the district governor, shall be chief administrative assistant to the district governor. His/her specific responsibilities shall be to:

- (a) Further the purposes of this association.
- (b) Play an active role in membership development including extension of new clubs and leadership development within district.
- (c) Become familiar with the duties of the district governor so in the event of a vacancy in the office of district governor he/she will be better prepared to assume the duties and responsibilities of said office.
- (d) Perform such administrative duties as may be assigned by the district governor.
- (e) Perform such other functions and acts as may be required for him/her by the International Board of Directors and other directives,
- (f) Actively participate in all cabinet meetings and conduct all meetings in the absence of the district governor.
- (g) Participate in council of governors meetings as appropriate.
- (h) Participate in the preparation of the district budget.
- (i) Engage actively in all matters to be continued during the next year.
- (j) At the request of the district governor, supervise appropriate district committees and participate in the review of strengths and weaknesses of the district.

SECTION 9C. Second Vice District Governor. The second vice district governor is subject to the supervision and direction of the district governor. His/her specific responsibilities shall be to:

- (a) Further the purposes of this association.
- (b) Actively participate and inspire other district officers to administer and promote effective membership growth and new club organization.
- (c) Perform such duties as assigned by the district governor, including assisting the district retention chairperson.
- (d) Perform such other functions and act as required by the policy of the association.
- (e) Actively participate in all cabinet meetings and conduct all meetings in the absence of the district governor and the first vice district governor.
- (f) Participate in the preparation of the district budget.
- (g) Actively engage in all matters to be continued during the following year.
- (h) At the request of the district governor, supervise appropriate district committees and participate in the review of strengths and weaknesses of the district.

ARTICLE VI CONVENTION

SECTION 1. Convention Site and Convention Committee. District 4-C6 shall hold an annual Convention in the spring of each year, at least thirty (30) days prior to the opening session of the International Convention. The site of such convention shall be selected by a vote of the delegates at the spring convention at least two (2) years in advance. The convention committee shall consist of the immediate three Past District Governors, with the District Governor and First and Second Vice District Governors as Ex-Officio members. The senior member of the committee shall be the Chairman. The junior member shall be Program Chairman and the remaining member shall be Housing Chairman. A member of this committee shall not serve more than one (1) consecutive term of three (3) years, except in the event of a vacancy, the last Immediate Past District Governor of the Convention Committee, if available to serve, shall act as General Chairman; the junior member shall be Program Chairman; and the remaining member shall be Housing Chairman.

SECTION 2. Convention Committee Chairman. The Convention Committee Chairman shall seek and receive invitations, in writing, from places desiring to entertain the annual Convention. All invitations shall set forth such information as the Convention Committee shall, from time to time, prescribe and shall be delivered by the Convention Chairman no later than thirty (30) days prior to the current year's convention, at which time the vote will be made on the location and time for the convention two (2) years or more hence.

SECTION 3. Delegates. Each chartered club, in good standing in Lions Clubs International and District 4-C6, shall be represented by one or more delegates at the annual District 4-C6 convention and shall be entitled in each such convention to one voting delegate and one alternate for each ten (10) members, or major fraction thereof, who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club as shown by the records of the International Office 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, PROVIDED, however that each club shall be entitled to at least one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate. Any club which is newly chartered, and any club which takes on new members prior to the convening of the convention, shall have its delegate quota determined on the basis of members who have been enrolled in the club for at least one year and a day as shown on such record date in the records of the International Office. 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. In the event a certified delegate is unable to vote, an alternate from the same club shall be allowed to vote in his stead. The Governor and each Past District Governor of District 4-C6 who is a member in good standing of a District

4-C6 club in good standing shall have a vote at the District 4-C6 convention independent of the club delegate quota specified above.

SECTION 4. Delegate Certification. Each club in District 4-C6 shall submit to the Chairman of the Credentials Committee a list of its accredited delegates and alternates to each District 4-C6 convention or conference. Such accredited delegates and alternates shall be issued credentials by the Credentials Committee and only such accredited delegates or alternates shall be entitled to vote on any matter coming before said convention or conference. Failure on the part of a club to submit said list of accredited delegates and alternates by 6:00 p.m. of the day preceding the opening day of the convention or conference shall preclude these delegates and alternates from voting except that the District Governor may, with the consent of the delegates of the club present, certify such delegates or alternates, if in his opinion, there are conditions warranting the same.

SECTION 5. Emergencies. Should no place be designated for the holding of such convention or in case of emergency, the District Governor's Cabinet shall have full power to act in selecting the place and date. However, neither the District Governor, the Convention Committee nor the District Cabinet shall incur Any liability thereby to any club or club member in District 4-C6. In the event of a change of date and location for the convention or conference, after it has been approved by the delegates at a previous convention, the Convention Committee shall receive a release in writing, relieving the District of any liability incurred by any previous commitment.

SECTION 6. Voice Vote. Except for election of the District Governor or First and Second Vice District Governors, a showing of hands or a standing vote may be taken at any convention or conference and the ruling on such showing by the presiding officer shall be deemed conclusive unless said ruling is challenged by an accredited delegate or alternate immediately after said ruling is made, in which event the presiding officer shall cause a further vote to be taken and only those accredited delegates or alternates present and holding proper credentials shall participate in said voting. A majority vote of present and vote accredited delegates or alternates shall be sufficient to pass and approve any matter coming before the annual convention or conference except that in amending the Constitution and Bylaws, when a two-thirds vote of present and voting accredited delegates or alternates is required.

SECTION 7. Convention Chairman's Report. Within sixty (60) days after the close of each District 4-C6 convention, the Convention Chairman shall make a report in writing, said report to be a complete summary of the receipts and disbursements of the convention proceedings. One copy of the report shall be submitted to the Secretary of Lions Clubs International, one copy to the Secretary of Multiple District Four, one copy to the incoming and outgoing District Governors, and one copy to each current Secretary of each club in District 4-C6.

SECTION 8. Convention Audit. The Budget and Finance Committee shall file a report after reviewing the receipts and disbursement of the last District 4-C6 Convention with the Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Treasurer (or Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer) prior to the first meeting of the Cabinet. One copy of the report shall be submitted to the Secretary of Lions Clubs international, one copy to the Secretary of Multiple District Four, one copy to the incoming and outgoing District Governors and one copy to each current Secretary of each club in District 4-C6

ARTICLE VII CONVENTION FUND

SECTION 1. Fees. There shall be a District 4-C6 convention registration fee to defray the cost of convention administration expenses. There shall be an additional fee to cover the actual cost of convention meals and housing. Such fees are to be collected under procedures prescribed by the Convention Committee from each delegate, alternate and guest attending the District 4-C6 convention.

SECTION 2. Convention Reserve Fund. There shall be a District 4-C6 Convention Reserve Fund of the greater of \$20,000 or 20% of the total convention income. If the fund exceeds said retention in any fiscal year after payment of all convention administrative expenses in that year, the excess shall become available for future convention expenses and be treated as income and budgeted for expenditure at the next District 4-C6 convention. The District 4-C6 Convention Reserve Fund shall be used only for District 4-C6 convention purposes.

SECTION 3. Annual Convention Budget. The Convention Committee shall prepare and present for approval at the second District Governor's Cabinet meeting a budget reflecting the anticipated income and expenditures for the annual District 4-C6 spring convention for that fiscal year. Said budget to include an amount not to exceed \$400.00 to be used for District 4-C6 hospitality room expense at the annual Multiple Four convention.

SECTION 4. Convention Procedures. The Convention Committee shall conduct the District 4-C6 convention in accordance with the District 4-C6 Convention Manual of Procedure, which may be amended from time to time. Such amendments shall be presented for approval at the third District cabinet meeting during the fiscal year in which the District 4-C6 spring convention is to be held. All pre-convention and convention expenses shall be paid only by checks drawn on the District 4-C6 Convention Fund and signed by any two members of the Convention Committee.

ARTICLE VIII REGIONS AND ZONES

SECTION 1. Regions. The area of District 4-C6 shall be divided into Regions in such a manner that will best facilitate the servicing of the clubs within said area. The District Governor shall have the authority to create or change such Regions as, in his discretion, is for the best interest of the District.

SECTION 2. Zones. There shall be maintained in such Regions, Zones made up of no less than four (4) and no more than eight (8) clubs. Exceptions may be made if, in the opinion of the District Governor and with the consent of the clubs involved, some unusual conditions may make it desirable to deviate there from.

SECTION 3. Advisory Committee. The Presidents, Vice Presidents, and Secretaries of the clubs within each Zone, under the chairmanship of the Zone Chairman, shall be known as the District Governor's Advisory Committee for the Zone.

ARTICLE IX STANDING COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. Unless otherwise noted in the following sections, the Chairman shall be the Senior member in point of service on the committee, unless otherwise directed by the District Governor. The District Governor shall have the authority to remove a member of any appointed committee for inactivity or other valid reason, and except as otherwise specifically provided for in this Article IX, to appoint a Lion member to fill any vacancy on such committees as they occur.

Unless otherwise noted in the following sections, the incoming District Governor shall appoint the newest members of all standing committees and chairpersons of those committees within 45 days after the District 4-C6 convention.

SECTION 1.1. Chairmanship Vacancy. In the event of a vacancy for any reason in the Chairmanship of the Standing Committees the Senior member of the committee shall be named Chairman and the District Governor shall appoint a new Committee member as specified in Article IX, Section 1.2.

SECTION 1.2. Standing Committee Vacancy. In the event of any vacancy for any reason on any Standing Committee an interim appointment shall be made by the District Governor to complete the unexpired term. A Lion so appointed shall not be eligible to serve as Chairman.

SECTION 1.3. No Lion member shall serve on more than two standing committees at any one time.

SECTION 1.4. Unless otherwise stated, the ex-officio members of all standing committees shall be the District Governor, the First and Second Vice District Governors, the Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Treasurer (or Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer), the District Governor Elect, the Vice District Governor Elect. The outgoing chairperson of a standing committee shall continue to serve in an advisory capacity for the period of one year.

SECTION 1.5. Unless the composition of a standing committee is otherwise defined, committees shall be composed of three members, each to be appointed for a term of three years. A committee member shall not serve more than one consecutive term of three years. The District Governor may, at his discretion, appoint additional non-voting members to any committee to serve during his term.

SECTION 2. Each standing committee chairman shall submit a written report at the District 4-C6 convention.

SECTION 3. No committee member shall receive compensation for services rendered in behalf of the District.

SECTION 4. Within thirty (30) days after the close of each District 4-C6 convention, each standing committee chairman shall submit a report in writing to his successor pertinent to his particular committee and such other information that may assist his successor in planning his year in office.

SECTION 5. Budget and Finance Committee. It shall be the duty of the Budget and Finance Committee to prepare a proposed budget for consideration and final action at the 4-C6 District Convention. This budget is to be constructed in a manner that would provide a carryover balance of at least 20% of the total gross 4-C6 dues income of the administration budget of the prior year.

It shall be the duty of the Budget and Finance Committee to review the receipts and disbursements of the annual District 4-C6 spring District 4-C6 convention, and the annual review of the books and accounts of District 4-C6 prior to the first meeting of the Cabinet, for completeness and accuracy. The outgoing chairman of the committee shall remain an active member until the annual review is complete. The outgoing member's signature as Past Chairman shall be required with the New Chairman's to complete the transition.

SECTION 6. Long Range Planning and Research Committee. The Long Range Planning and Research Committee shall be composed of three (3) members which shall be Past District Governors. The Long Range Planning and Research Committee shall formulate and study for the benefit of the District Governor, long range planning for the welfare of District 4-C6 and shall conduct appropriate research to accomplish this purpose, as directed by District Governor or District Cabinet.

SECTION 7. Constitution and By-Laws Committee. The Constitution and By Laws Committee shall review and recommend necessary amendments in accordance with Article XI "Amendments."

SECTION 8. Youth Exchange Committee. It shall be the duty of the Youth Exchange Committee to coordinate the District Youth Exchange program in coordination with the MD-4 Youth Exchange Committee.

SECTION 9. Student Speakers Committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to present the Student Speakers Program to each club in the District. The committee shall schedule a forum for all Club Student Speaker Chairmen immediately after the second Cabinet meeting each year. The committee shall be responsible for collecting a fee from each participating club, said funds to be used to pay for Zone, Region and District Student Speakers Contest Awards and the cost of District forums. Any remaining funds are to be used to pay for a Student Speaker Foundation Fellowship, the recipient to be selected by the Committee.

SECTION 10. District Governor's Candidate Forum. The Chairman shall be the Immediate Past District Governor, who shall choose a minimum of three committee members from the Council of Past Governors, the current District Governor, First and Second Vice District Governors and the current Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Treasurer (or Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer). A Candidates Forum shall be held annually to acquaint interested Lion members of the obligations, financial responsibilities and duties of the District Governor and First and Second Vice District Governors. The Chairman shall announce by mail, the time and place the meeting is to be held to all clubs in the District fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the meeting.

SECTION 11. Sight Conservation-Sight First. This committee shall be responsible for coordinating all District Programs relating to Sight (i.e. White Cane, Lions Eye Foundation, Blind Centers), now in existence or which may be proposed in the future.

SECTION 12. Hearing Conservation. This committee shall be responsible for coordinating all District programs relating to hearing (i.e. Lions Camp for the Deaf, Hearing Conservation, Ear of the Lion Foundation, Western Ear Foundation), as now in existence or may be proposed in the future.

SECTION 13. District 4-C6 A.J. Robinson Mobile Health Screening Unit. The District 4-C6 A. J. Robinson Mobile Health Screening Unit Committee shall be comprised of the District Governor, First and Second Vice District Governors and the Immediate Past District Governor and five additional members. Each of the five additional members shall serve for three years.

Any Lions Club in good standing in District 4-C6 may submit to the Committee in writing the name of one (1) active Lion in good standing as a candidate to be a committee member when a committee member's term expires. Such member shall have the endorsement of his club and his written nomination shall be no later than February 10th of the year the election is to be held. Such nominee shall have his name presented to the District 4-C6 Third Cabinet meeting next proceeding the District 4-C6 annual convention.

In the event no qualified candidate's name is submitted prior to February 10th of the year the election is to be held, nominations will then, and only then, be accepted from the floor at the regular session of the District 4-C6 Third Cabinet Meeting, and such candidates must be prepared to submit to the committee in writing their qualifications as required above. The nominated members shall be elected to the committee by the delegates at the District 4-C6 annual convention.

In the event of a vacancy, for any reason, the District Governor (or the District Governor Elect in the event of vacancy after the District 4-C6 Convention) shall appoint a new member to the Committee to complete the incumbent's term. The Committee shall serve as the Board of Directors of the A.J. Robinson Foundation and shall be responsible for completing all necessary work to maintain the tax exempt non-profit incorporated organization in the State of California and the United States of America. The Committee shall be responsible for acquiring funding, through grants, memorials, foundations and charitable contributions in sufficient amounts to secure and maintain equipped vehicles. The District 4-C6 A.J. Robinson Mobile Health Screening Unit shall be available to any District 4-C6 Lions or Lioness Clubs on an "available basis". The Committee shall have the power to appoint up to seven advisors to serve for two year terms. The advisors may be appointed for consecutive terms. The duties of the advisors shall be to meet with and advise the Committee on courses of action and planning and to aid in the execution of policies regarding operation of the Foundation.

SECTION 14. Membership Committees. The Membership Group shall be comprised of a Membership Manager and three committees. The Membership Manager shall oversee the three committees and will report to the District Governor.

There shall be three membership committees: Membership Development, Extension, and Retention and Orientation. The Membership Manager, with the consent and approval of the seated District Governor, may appoint such other members of the three committees as necessary. It shall be the duty of these committees to develop and direct programs to strengthen and grow the membership of District 4-C6 and provide rebuilding where clubs need this attention.

ARTICLE X
PRO-RATION OF FUNDS IN THE EVENT OF REDISTRICTING

SECTION 1. In the event Multiple District Four shall decide on redistricting which would affect District 4-C6 by reducing the number of clubs or members, or in any way change its present status, the funds in possession of District 4-C6 shall be distributed on a pro-rata basis, based on membership count in Multiple District Four records as reported on the month preceding the effective date.

ARTICLE XI
AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. Amendments to this Constitution or its By-Laws may be proposed in writing by any Lion in good standing of District 4-C6 upon official approval of and endorsement by his club, or amendments may be proposed by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee of District 4-C6. Proposed amendments shall be submitted to the District Cabinet no later than the third District Cabinet meeting to be approved and certified for the ballot at the annual District 4-C6 Convention, accompanied by a statement indicating the purpose for the amendment.

SECTION 2. This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended at any District 4-C6 Convention by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the accredited delegates present and voting, provided however, that a copy of that proposed amendment be sent to each club in the District thirty (30) days prior to the convention.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I
DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECTION

SECTION 1. Candidate Announcement. For the purpose of the election of a District Governor and/or Vice District Governor, the area of District 4-C6 shall consist of Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Benito and Santa Clara Counties, with the exception of the City of Palo Alto. A Lion member must announce his candidacy to all clubs comprising District 4-C6 no earlier than January 5, nor later than March 15, of the year the election is to be held. This notification shall be sent to the Governor, First and Second Vice District Governors, Constitution & Bylaws Committee, Credentials & Elections Committee and all clubs in District 4C-6. The notification shall include: a letter of endorsement from his club in good standing, a letter from the candidate stating intention to run in the biographical statement to assist in assessing the qualifications of the candidate. In the event no qualified candidate's name is submitted during the above stated period, nominations will then, and only then, be accepted from the floor at a regular session of the convention prior to the election, and such candidates must be prepared to submit

to the Election Committee in writing their qualifications as set forth in Article 1, Section 2.

SECTION 2A. Candidacy Requirements for District Governor. 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/her single or sub-district.
- (b) Secure the endorsement of his/her club or a majority of the clubs in his/her single or sub-district.
- (c) Currently be serving as the first vice district governor within the district from which he/she is to be elected.
- (d) Only in the event the current first vice district governor does not stand for election as district governor, or if a vacancy in the position of first vice district governor exists at the time of the district convention, any club member who fulfills the qualifications for the office of second vice district governor as set forth in these by-laws or constitution 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 subsection (c) of this section.

SECTION 2B. District Governor/First and Second Vice District Governor Elections.

- (a) District Governor. The district governor election shall be conducted by a secret written ballot, with the district governor candidate required to secure a majority of the votes cast by the delegates present and voting in order to be declare elected; for purpose of such election, a majority is defined as a number more than one-half of the total valid votes cast excluding blanks and abstentions. Otherwise, the election for the office of district governor shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the respective district (single, sub- and multiple) constitution and by-laws. The results of each district governor election shall be reported to the international office by the respective current district governor and/or the international staff representative. The results so reported shall be presented to the International Board of Directors. All district governor election results shall be adopted by the International Board of Directors and thereby become effective, except in the case of an election protest filed in accordance with the procedure of the International Board of Directors as set out in the Board Policy Manual or legal action resulting therefrom, in which event the appointment or election of such district governor shall be subject to action by the International Board of Directors.

If any such district shall fail to so elect a qualified district governor or if the district governor-elect of any such district shall die or refuse or be found by the International Board of Directors to be unable by reason of illness or

other disability to take such office prior to the day his/her term would otherwise begin, or if a vacancy will exist as a result of a district governor election protest or legal action, then in any such event such district may have a district governor appointed by the International Board of Directors in the time and manner and for the term set forth in these by-laws or constitution.

- (b) **First Vice District Governor.** The first vice district governor election shall be conducted by a secret written ballot, with the first vice district governor candidate required to secure a majority of the votes cast by the delegates present and voting in order to be declared elected; for purpose of such election, a majority is defined as a number more than one-half of the total valid votes cast excluding blanks and abstentions. The first vice district governor shall serve a term of office of one year, which term shall begin with the close of the association's convention held in the year of their election and end at the close of the next convention of the association, and no first vice district governor may succeed himself or herself in office. Otherwise, an election for the office of the first vice district governor shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the respective district (single, sub- and multiple) constitution and by-laws. The result of each first vice district governor election shall be reported to the international office by the respective current district governor and/or international staff representative.

A candidate for the office of first vice district governor shall:

- (1) Be an Active Member in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in his/her single or sub-district.
- (2) Secure the endorsement of his/her club or a majority of the clubs in his/her single or sub-district.
- (3) Currently be serving as the second vice district governor within the district from which he/she is to be elected.
- (4) Only in the event the current second vice district governor does not stand for election as first vice district governor, or if a vacancy in the position of second vice district governor exists at the time of the district convention, any club member who fulfills the qualifications for the office of second vice district governor as set forth in these by-laws or constitution shall fulfill the requirements of subsection (3) of this section.

- (c) **Second Vice District Governor.** The second vice district governor election shall be conducted by a secret written ballot, with the second vice district governor candidate required to secure a majority of the votes cast by the delegates present and voting in order to be declared elected; for purpose of such election, a majority is defined as a number more than one-half of the total valid votes cast excluding blanks and abstentions. The second vice district governor shall serve a term of office of one year, which term

shall begin with the close of the association's convention held in the year of their election and end at the close of the next convention of the association, and no second vice district governor may succeed himself or herself in office. Otherwise, an election for the office of the second vice district governor shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the respective district (single, sub- and multiple) constitution and by-laws. The result of each second vice district governor election shall be reported to the international office by the respective current district governor and/or international staff representative.

A candidate for the office of second vice district governor shall:

- (1) Be an Active Member in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in his/her single or sub-district.
- (2) Secure the endorsement of his/her club or a majority of the clubs in his/her single or sub-district.
- (3) Have served or will have served at the time he/she takes office as second vice district governor:
 - (a) As president of a Lions club for a full term or major portion thereof, and a member of the board of directors of a Lions club for no less than two (2) additional years; and
 - (b) As zone chairperson or region chairperson or cabinet secretary and/or treasurer for a full term or major portion thereof.
 - (c) With none of the above being accomplished concurrently.

SECTION 3. Nominations. The Election Committee shall place the names of all candidates for District Governor, First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor on a printed ballot following their nomination at the opening session of the convention. The candidate's nomination shall be by nominating speeches which shall not exceed five (5) minutes for each candidate. There shall be one seconding speech of not more than three (3) minutes for each candidate.

SECTION 4. Election. All elections held in District 4-C6 shall be by printed ballot and the nominee receiving the plurality shall be declared elected. In the event of a tie, the polls shall be open for the re-balloting for a period of time of no more than two hours. Re-balloting shall continue on the tied candidates until one is elected.

SECTION 5. Any candidate for International Second Vice President or International Director, who meets the qualifications of the office sought as set forth in the Constitution and By-Laws of Lions Club International and who seeks the endorsement of their District as a candidate for that office, shall submit their name in writing to the District Governor on or before the fifteenth (15) day of February next preceding the Annual District 4-C6 Convention.

SECTION 6. Certification of endorsement shall be made in writing, signed by the District Governor and the Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Treasurer (or Cabinet

Secretary-Treasurer) and sent to the International Office and the Multiple District-Four Secretary in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of Lions Club International.

SECTION 7. If there is no candidate presently endorsed as a candidate for International Second Vice President or International Director, such endorsement may be sought at any special Convention of this District called by the District Governor. Notice of said special Convention and the purpose thereof shall be given to the clubs in writing by the Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Treasurer (or Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer) at least thirty (30) days before the special Convention.

ARTICLE II POLITICAL

SECTION 1. This District or its Member Clubs at no time shall endorse or recommend any candidate for political office, nor shall partisan politics or sectarian religion be discussed at meetings.

ARTICLE III ENDORSEMENT

SECTION 1. No resolution giving endorsement to any movement shall be considered at any meeting unless said movement is in full accord with the principles and purposes of the International Association of Lions Clubs.

ARTICLE IV PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

SECTION 1. No officer or member of this Association or its members shall use it as a means of furthering any personal, political, or other aspirations, nor shall any member take part in any movement not in keeping with the real purposes and objects of the International Association of Lions Clubs.

ARTICLE V FUND RAISING

SECTION 1. No money may be raised at any District 4-C6 convention by any person, club or organization for any purpose, except that which may be necessary to assist in financing the convention and then only by the supervision of the District Convention Committee.

SECTION 2. This District or any club therein or any organization utilizing the name of Lions Clubs International shall not employ "Professional Fund Raisers" to raise money for any purpose.

SECTION 3. Any district-wide fund raising shall require approval of the District Governor and the District Cabinet.

ARTICLE VI
RULES OF ORDER

SECTION 1. "Roberts Rules of Order, Revised, "shall constitute the rules governing the convention of the District and all meetings of the District Conference and the District Cabinet meetings unless provided for in a different manner by resolutions of a District Convention.

SECTION 2. Parliamentarian. The District Governor shall, at the beginning of his term of office, appoint a parliamentarian who shall act as advisor to the presiding officer on the rules and procedures of parliamentary law at all District 4-C6 meetings, assemblies and conventions.

ARTICLE VII
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

SECTION 1. A copy of the Constitution and By-Laws shall be printed and made a part of our Annual District Roster of Cabinet and Club Officers.

ARTICLE VIII
DUES

SECTION 1. Requirements. Each chartered club shall contribute in the form of per capita taxes to be paid to Lions Clubs International, Multiple District 4, and District 4-C6 in the amounts as indicated in the Table in Section 2. Dues are payable semi-annually on October 1st, based on the membership reported to Lions International as of June 30th of said year, and March 1st, based on the membership as of December 31st of the preceding year. Dues are to be paid to the International Association of Lions Clubs and to the Secretary of Multiple District Four as prescribed in the Table in Section 2.

SECTION 2. Amounts. Present semi annual dues of \$31.50 per Club member shall be collected and disbursed as shown in the following Table.

DUES TABLE

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS	
ARTICLE VIII - Fees and Dues (Constitution)	
New Member Entrance Fee is currently	\$35 00
Semi-annual per capita tax and levies, exclusive of entrance fee, against a club for each club member	\$19.50

MULTIPLE DISTRICT FOUR

ARTICLE IX - Fees and Dues

Section 2 -- Levies a per capita tax of \$14.00 per member per annum, payable semi-annually, on each club \$7.00

DISTRICT 4-C6

Levies a per capita tax of \$10.00 per member per annum, payable semi-annually, on each club\$5.00

(Note: MD4 provides a dues collection bookkeeping service to the Districts. The semi-annual billing by MD-4 to each club, per member, shows two separate billings, one for MD-4 and one for District 4-C6.)

Total Annual Payment to International and MD-4.....\$63.00

(Note: Family Membership Dues -- qualifying family members, not to exceed four (4) additional qualifying member per household, shall pay a semiannual per capita tax (\$9.75) equal to 1/2 of the total amount paid by the first family member (\$19.50).)

ARTICLE IX
EQUIPMENT

SECTION 1. The practice of purloining club equipment shall be done only in regular club meetings from the opening of the club meeting by the presiding officer until the adjournment of the meeting. Such equipment to be re-gained by a visitation. Equipment shall only be kept for a period not exceeding 21 days when it shall be returned to the club owning the equipment. Only official club equipment such as banners, bell, gavel and flags in said meetings shall be eligible. The club that has purloined the equipment shall notify the victim by mail or phone within 48 hours.

ARTICLE X
GOVERNORS OFFICIAL VISITATIONS

SECTION 1. The District Governor shall complete his official club visitations in accordance with the District 4-C6 Governors Procedure Manual.

ARTICLE XI
AD SALES

SECTION 1. The District Governor is authorized to sell ads in the District Directory and District Bulletin to help defray costs of District Directory and District Bulletin. Funds derived from sale of ads will not be considered when figuring the 20% carryover, as stated in Article IX, Section 5, District 4-C6 Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE XII
CONSTRUCTION

SECTION 1. With respect to all provisions contained in the Constitution and Bylaws of this District, and in all matters of interpretation thereof, the masculine shall include the feminine and neuter and vice versa, the singular shall include the plural, and the plural shall include the singular.