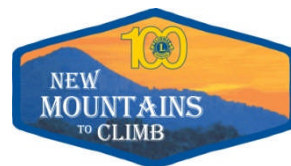




**LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL  
DISTRICT 105D  
DISTRICT GOVERNOR  
DAVID TAYLOR**



**District 105D  
52<sup>nd</sup> Convention  
24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> March 2017  
The Wessex Hotel  
Bournemouth  
BH2 5EU**

***“Celebrating a Century of Service”***

# **LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL PURPOSES**

**TO ORGANISE**, charter and supervise clubs to be known as Lions clubs.

**TO COORDINATE** the activities and standardize the administration of Lions clubs.

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

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

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

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

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

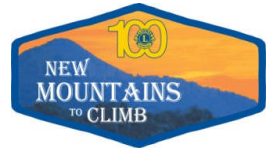
**TO ENCOURAGE** service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavours.



The International Association of Lions Clubs

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*“Celebrating a Century of Service”*



### Welcome to our 52<sup>nd</sup> 105D District Convention!

Whether you are a fellow Lion or a guest, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to our 2017 Convention at the Wessex Hotel in Bournemouth.

Certain aspects of our future may still be uncertain with the subject of redistricting still on our minds and the MD Convention still a month away. However, we have made our thoughts clear ever since the motion passed at last year's Convention and I have carried those opinions into discussions at our MD Council meetings.

What is not uncertain is the superb service provided by every Club in our District to our local communities and I have been proud to travel around our District to see so many of our Clubs at work. But it is important to remember what it means to be part of the largest service organisation in the world. Wherever there is a need or a disaster it is someone's community – and our Lions colleagues in that community are usually first on the scene to ascertain needs and offer help. Help that is often only possible because of the donations we have made to our Lions Clubs International Foundation, LCIF.

So let's use this weekend to celebrate our achievements in this, our Centennial year.

To start with I have invited Past International Director Phil Nathan to look at the Centennial projects that Clubs around the world have been participating in and the achievements so far. Phil was appointed as Centennial Committee Chairman for the period 2014 - 2017 to coordinate our MD's contribution to the Association's Centenary Celebrations.

Then, to celebrate one of our international partnerships, I have invited the President of Special Olympics GB to address us in a keynote speech. Known better to many as a football manager, Lawrie McMenemy has been on the board for 12 years. Lions support Special Olympics throughout the world and Lawrie is an excellent ambassador for the movement.

The District Convention Committee, under the supervision of the Chairman Past Council Chair Jeff Byers, have worked very hard to make sure that you have an enjoyable experience, they have used a similar blueprint to our 2015 and 2016 Conventions which were very successful. Sergeant at Arms Dave Ebsworth is his deputy and is responsible for the running of the business side of Convention.

I have invited Jeff and Dave to outline our plans for the Convention weekend in a separate note to this booklet.

I hope you all have an enjoyable Convention; it's not often we get the chance to all get together to renew old friendships, but please take the time to make some new ones.

Kind regards,  
David



## **PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR**

**LION PHIL NATHAN, M.B.E.**

Lion Phil Nathan, of East Anglia Centennial 100 Lions Club in 105EA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 82nd International Convention, held in San Diego, California, USA, June 28-July 2, 1999.

Lion Phil Nathan has been active in the life of his community for many years – and for Lion Phil 'community' begins where he lives and extends to encompass the world community. Phil is married to Heidi-Anne – also a Lion and member of the Helen Keller Internet Club

Prime among the many recognition for his untiring work, was being honoured by Her Majesty the Queen with an MBE.

He has received innumerable awards and other recognitions from Lions Clubs International, notably, and uniquely among current International Directors from MD105, being honoured, before he served as an International Director, with the Ambassador of Goodwill Award, the highest recognition bestowed by the Association.

In his working life, Lion Phil is a well-respected Stockbroker in the City of London, one of 14 Directors of a leading independent firm with 1000 employees. He runs the trading areas and in a highly competitive environment is noted for this integrity. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Directors, a Fellow of the Chartered Securities Institute, a Charity Steward of the Stock Exchange Veterans and on the Board of the Stock Exchange Benevolent Fund.

His skills as a leader and strategic thinker have been recognised by his appointment to the Boards of world-leading charities. From a Lions-nominated Director he was later elected Chairman of the MedicAlert Foundation for the British Isles and Ireland and a result of his work in developing joint programmes led to a Memorandum of Understanding being signed between the two International Associations in 2012.

For 11 years he was a Trustee of the 105-EA Lions Hearing Trust, now being extended across the MD, and in 2011 he was elected to chair the Board of Music and the Deaf, retiring in 2013 having led the transformation of the charity's fortunes and creating a new strategic direction.

Following the acquisition of the assets of TACADE, Council appointed Lion Phil as a Director of MD105 LifeSkills Ltd to take over and develop the business. Lion Phil is a Director of Special Olympics GB with which Lions worldwide have a highly successful relationship and constantly uses his contacts for the benefit of Lions and partners. He has sourced the last two sponsors for the Youth Ambassador Competition, Reuters and Winterflood Securities, and in connection with 'Gift for Living' has to date been responsible for securing anonymous corporate donations of considerable sums to complement LCIF Grants totalling more than £1.5 million, the most recent, \$75,000, being approved in October 2013.

Phil was prime mover in MD105 hosting the 2006 Europa Forum here in Bournemouth and re-established that successful team again for the 60<sup>th</sup> Europa Forum held in Birmingham in October/November 2014. In October 2013 PID Phil was appointed as Chairman of the Lions Central Eastern European Initiative (CEEI), the objectives of which include actively supporting regional growth and development needs, building a strong membership base, improving Club health and enhancing the quality of leadership at every level all to ensure that LCI remains the world's leader in community and humanitarian service.

Council have appointed Phil as Centennial Committee Chairman for the period 2014 - 2017 to coordinate the MD's contribution to the Association's Centenary Celebrations.



## **LAWRIE McMENEMY MBE**

Lawrie McMenemy is most famously known as Manager of Southampton Football Club during their most successful period in history, guiding his team to FA Cup victory in 1976 against Manchester United. As Southampton Manager, Lawrie also introduced an enhanced youth development policy. Graduates of this programme include England internationals Mark Wright, Mathew Le Tissier and Alan Shearer.

Although still very much involved in football, Lawrie is also now a sought-after public speaker, specialising in management motivation. He has addressed this theme at conferences for numerous corporations, including Reuters, Hewlett Packard, Sema Group, Lloyds Bank, IBM, The Royal Mail and Kwik-Fit. Lawrie has appeared on The Michael Parkinson Show, Wogan and Call My Bluff and has written two books, *Diary of a Season* and *Lawrie McMenemy's Book of Soccer*.

Lawrie was appointed Chairman of Special Olympics Great Britain in 2004. He was awarded an MBE Honours by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in 2006 and was made a Freeman of the City of Southampton in 2007. Lawrie is an Ambassador for the Football Association, President of Age Concern, Hampshire, and also supports the Alzheimer's Society and the Hampshire Autistic Society.

As well as serving as President and former Chairman of our Board of Directors from 2004 until 2010, Lawrie is highly regarded Ambassador for Special Olympics GB.



**Lions Clubs International District 105D 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention**  
**The Wessex Hotel, Bournemouth**

**Order of Proceedings**

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33.	LUNCH	
34.	Ballot Boxes will be open for Voting for District Governor 2017/2018, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor 2017/2018 and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor 2017/2018 until <a href="#">13.15</a>	

35.	<b>Presentations</b>	
36.	<b>Settle back by:</b> SAA Lion David Ebsworth	
37.	<b>Reconvene business session:</b> District Governor Lion David Taylor	
38.	<b>Competitions and Awards:</b> District Officer PDG Lion Judith Goodchild: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bill Field Sight Cup</li> <li>• Leo Plumley award for Community Service</li> <li>• Ian Birch Membership award</li> <li>• Website and Social Media awards</li> <li>• John Greenaway award for International activities</li> <li>• Colin Rickman Award for youth activities</li> </ul>	
39.	<b>Announcement of Election results – those elected invited to address convention:</b> District Governor Lion David Taylor	
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50.	<b>Last Night at the Proms</b>	
51.	<b>Closing Ceremony:</b> Everyone – National Anthem	
52.	<b>CLOSE OF 52<sup>nd</sup> CONVENTION - 2017</b>	

#### Presentations in the afternoon

Title	Venue	Presenters	Time
<b>Recruitment and Retention</b>	Main Room	GLT Chair PDG Lion David Merchant	<b>13.15</b>
<b>Centennial update District 105D</b>	Main Room	SAA Lion David Ebsworth	<b>13.40</b>
<b>Youth Projects</b>	Main Room	District Officers Lions Denise Stenner & Yorky Tuke	<b>13.45</b>

#### Sunday Morning – Order of proceedings (all in Main Hall)

1	<b>Tell us what you do</b> – you tell us in 5 minutes what has been successful in your club No props – just stand up and speak – (limited to 8 clubs)	
2	<b>Competitions and Awards (continued):</b> District Officer PDG Lion Judith Goodchild <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environment poster awards</li> <li>• Essay competition</li> <li>• Poetry Competition</li> <li>• Junior Peace Poster and CAD awards</li> </ul>	
3	<b>Outside Charity presentations</b>	
4	<b>Hearing Dogs:</b> Lion Dave Ebsworth	
5	<b>Open Forum with</b> PID Lion Phil Nathan MBE	
6	<b>Tell us what you think:</b> District Governor Lion David Taylor and Convention Committee Chairmen	
7	<b>Thanks and a Safe Journey Home:</b> District Governor Lion David Taylor	
	<b>CLOSE – Coffee &amp; Refreshments</b>	

**MINUTES OF THE 51<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION OF DISTRICT 105D  
HELD AT THE HOLIDAY INN, WINCHESTER, SO21 1HZ  
ON SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2016**

**1. Call to Order**

The Annual Convention of District 105D was called to order by District Sergeant at Arms Lion Dave Ebsworth.

**2. The Health & Safety Briefing** was carried out by Lion Jo Hamblin, District Health & Safety Officer.

**3. Welcome to Convention:** DG Lion Alan Chapman welcomed everyone to the 51<sup>st</sup> Convention.

**4. Opening of Convention:** was carried out by PID Lion Howard Lee.

**5. The Vote of thanks to PID Howard Lee** was performed by DG Lion Alan Chapman.

**6. Introduction of Guests & Principal Officers:** DG Lion Alan Chapman introduced the following:-

- \* PID Lion Howard Lee, who is the Lions Representative to the United Nations in Geneva, and Lion Claire Lee.
- \* IPDG Lion Mike Hendy and PDG Lion Brigid Hendy.
- \* 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion David Taylor and Rotarian Trish Lever.
- \* 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Lion Peter Burnett and Lion Debbie Burnett.
- \* The District Admin Team:-
  - PDG Lion Godwin Micallef (District Secretary)
  - Lion Linda Picton (District Treasurer)
  - PDG Lion David Merchant (District CNRO)
  - Lion Dave Ebsworth (Sergeant At Arms)
- \* In addition, DG Alan Chapman introduced a number of guests from other Districts.

**7. Recognition of PDG's and 1<sup>st</sup> Timers at Convention:**

DG Lion Alan Chapman asked the PDG's, new members in their 1<sup>st</sup> year and 1<sup>st</sup> timers at Convention, to stand and be recognised.

**8. Mission Statement followed by one Ethic and Purpose:** was read out by Region 5 Chairman Lion Steve Pope.

**9. The Remembrance Ceremony** was conducted by 1VDG David Taylor who read out the following:-

Lion Bill Hollis	Lions Club of Poole
Lion John Barton	Lions Club of Maidenhead
Lion Robin Jackson	Lions Club of New Milton.
PDG Lion Bill Field	Lions Club of Southampton Solent
Lion Maurice Raynor	Lions Club of New Milton
Lion Michael Kirby,	Lions Club of Newbury.
Lion Bill Dewar,	Lions Club of Bradford on Avon.
Lion Ernst Strassmann,	Lions Club of Havant.
Lion Peter Keep,	Lions Club of Hook and Odiham.
PDG Lion Bill Reed, MJF	Lions Club of Blackmore Vale.
Lion Peter Holder,	Lions Club of Crofton.
Lion Mike Green,	Lions Club of Blackmore Vale.
Lion James A Park,	Lions Club of Southbourne & Boscombe.
Lion Pauline (Polly) Stansbridge, MJF	Lions Club of Southampton Solent.
Lion Reg Bicknell,MJF	Lions Club of Hook and Odiham.
Lion Jack Ellingsen	Lions Club of Loddon Valley.
Lion Derek Moore,	Lions Club of Poole.
Lion Bob Ashenden MJF	Lions Club of Sandown & Shanklin.

*Let us also remember those ex-lions, who during their life gave of their time and who have now also passed to higher service.*

**10. Lighting of the Remembrance Candle** was performed by the DG Team and PID Lion Howard Lee plus their partners. DG Lion Alan Chapman thanked all those taking part.

**11. Doors were opened for partners and guests to depart.**

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- 12. Call to order, Attendance Report and Messages:** SAA Lion Dave Ebsworth read out the greeting received from Buckingham Palace and stated that he had also received a number of cards wishing the DG a happy Convention. He also reported that 75 Delegates, representing 44 clubs had registered for voting purposes.
- 13. Invoke District Standing orders and introduction of Tail Twisters** was carried out by DG Lion Alan Chapman.
- 14. Minutes of the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention and any matters arising:** were drawn to the attention of the delegates. They were proposed by District Secretary PDG Lion Godwin Micallef (Wimborne & Ferndown) and seconded by 1VDG Lion David Taylor (GMS) that the minutes be accepted as a true record. PDG Lion Judith Goodchild stated that the Brigid Hendy website award was won by the Reading Lions Club, not Hart Lions Club.  
**The proposal, as amended, was carried.**
- 15. Report of Constitution, Nominations and Resolutions Officer:**  
CNRO Lion David Merchant (Newbury) presented his report and stated that, as at the closing date, there were no proposals to host the 2018 Convention. However, SAA Lion Dave Ebsworth proposed that it be held in Southsea.
- 16. Business and voting procedures:** were read out by CNRO PDG Lion David Merchant who also confirmed that there was a quorum at Convention. Lion David pointed out that there were 8 Resolutions to be voted on and they only required a simple majority. He also clarified that we still need to elect a Second Vice District Governor, irrespective of the Redistricting Resolutions being voted on, at the MD Convention. The CNRO report was Proposed by PDG Lion David Merchant (Newbury) and Seconded by Lion Trisha Snook (Salisbury & District).  
**The proposal was carried.**
- 17. Nominations for District Governor 2016/2017:** CNRO PDG Lion David Merchant announced that there was only one candidate for this position: - 1VDG Lion David Taylor (GMS) proposed by Lion Denise Stenner (GMS) and seconded by PDG Lion Patrick Hamblin (Reading). Lion David then addressed Convention.
- 18. Nominations for First Vice District Governor 2016/2017:** CNRO PDG Lion David Merchant announced that there was only one candidate for this position:- 2VDG Lion Peter Burnett (Wimborne & Ferndown) proposed by Lion Barry Duxbury (Wimborne & Ferndown) and seconded by PDG Lion Roger Munday (Fleet). Lion Peter then addressed Convention.
- 19. Nominations for Second Vice District Governor 2016/2017:** CNRO Lion David Merchant announced that there was only one candidate for this position:- Lion Ken Staniforth (Salisbury & District) proposed by Lion Bryan Smith (Salisbury & District) and seconded by Lion Bob Prevost (Loddon Valley). Lion Ken then addressed Convention.
- 20. Thanks to the Candidates:** DG Alan thanked the candidates.
- 21. Report of the DG Team and Admin Team:** DG Lion Alan Chapman asked if there were any questions relating to the reports and none were raised. These reports were proposed, on behalf of Cabinet, by PDG Lion Godwin Micallef (District Secretary) and seconded by PDG Lion Fred Massey (Fleet).  
**The proposal was carried.**
- 22. Resolution 1:** This Convention resolves that "that Messrs Gilroy & Brooks of Alton, be sincerely thanked for their services to the District in the past and that they may be, and the same hereby, re-appointed as Independent Examiner for the year 2016/2017. It was proposed, on behalf of Cabinet, by DT Lion Linda Picton (Hart), and seconded by DS PDG Lion Godwin Micallef (Wimborne & Ferndown). Lion Colin Mansell (Newbury) asked how long have we have been using Messrs. Gilroy & Brookes as our Independent Examiners, as it is usual practice to change Auditors every 5 years? DT Lion Linda Picton replied that we have been using them for about 10+ years and, apart from doing a good job at no cost to us, they always ensured that a different examiner checked the accounts.  
**The proposal was carried.**
- Resolution 2:** The District Per Capita Levy for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 shall be in the sum of £11.00 per Lion. This shall be payable in two equal instalments - £5.50 per Lion by 1 August 2016 based upon the known membership as at 30 June 2016 and £5.50 per Lion by 1 February 2017 based upon the known membership as at 31 December 2016. It was proposed, on behalf of Cabinet, by DT Lion Linda Picton (Hart), and seconded by DS PDG Lion Godwin Micallef (Wimborne & Ferndown). **The proposal was carried.**

**Resolution 3:** For the Lionistic year 2016/17 all Clubs will receive a 'one off' credit of £5.50 per member, based on each Club's reported membership as of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015. NB. This is a credit per member and not a reduction in dues payable

It was proposed, on behalf of Cabinet, by DT Lion Linda Picton (Hart), and seconded by DS PDG Lion Godwin Micallef (Wimborne & Ferndown).

DT Linda was asked why we just didn't reduce the dues for the year and she stated that MD had recommended that the Annual Dues stayed the same, e.g. £11 p.a., and that a one-off refund will be made.

**The proposal was carried.**

**23. Region & Zone Chairmen Reports (en bloc):**

DG Lion Alan Chapman asked the Region and Zone Chairmen to stand and be recognised.

Their reports were to be voted on, en bloc.

PDG Lion Roger Huntley (IOW Newport) stated that 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of our members do not have Computers, therefore the reports were probably not read. Lion Dianne Hopkins (Basingstoke) stated that as Club Secretary, it was her role to print reports, for such members.

The reports were proposed by Lion Geoff Foan (Loddon Valley) and seconded by Lion David Fowler (Loddon Valley). **The proposal was carried.**

**24. Reports of the Club Development, Communications, Community Services, International Relations, LCIF**

**Advisor and Youth Committees (en bloc):**

DG Lion Alan Chapman asked the Portfolio Coordinators, and their Deputies, to stand and be recognised.

Their reports were to be voted on, en bloc.

They were proposed by Lion Trisha Snook (Salisbury & District) and seconded by Lion Bryan Smith (Salisbury & District). **The proposal was carried.**

**25. Introduction of Peace Poster winner & Award:** Youth Portfolio Coordinator Lion Denise Stenner (GMS) introduced Martha Copplestone who was sponsored by Ringwood & Fordingbridge Lions Club. PID Lion Howard Lee presented her with the trophy. In addition, the Bill Smith Memorial Peace Poster Trophy was presented to Sapphire Marler-Row, who was sponsored by Ringwood & Fordingbridge Lions Club.

**26. Introduction of Young Ambassador Winner and address:** Deputy Youth Portfolio Coordinator, Lion Yorky Yuke (Ringwood & Fordingbridge) introduced Rozanna Toomer, sponsored by Southampton Solent Lions Club, who gave a presentation on her various Farm Activities. PID Lion Howard Lee presented her with the Trophy.

**27. Resolution 4:** Annual District membership dues should be held at or below the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as published by the Office of National Statistics (ONS) in the September prior to Convention.

An amendment to add a missing word of 'increase', after (CPI), was proposed by Lion Alistair Gallon (Woolmer Forest), and Seconded by Lion Roy Cuthbertson (Meon Valley). **The amendment was carried.**

Convention was then asked to vote on the proposal, as amended.

Proposed by Lion Alistair Gallon (Woolmer Forest) and Seconded by Lion Roy Cuthbertson (Meon Valley).

During Debate, the following comments were made:-

- \* Lion Dibgy Barker (Warminster):- Clarification was required for the word 'should' rather than 'shall'.
- \* District Treasurer Linda Picton (Hart):- The wording suggests that District Dues go up/down every year? Currently CPI is very low and District is aware of the need to minimise Dues increases.
- \* PCC Jeff Byers (Bournemouth): This does not give freedom of amending Dues. E.g. it could not cover Emergencies.
- \* Lion Alistair Gallon (Woolmer Forest): There is no problem with District Dues but there is with MD Dues.
- \* Lion Ian Barrette (Jersey): clarification between should & shall?  
CNRO David Merchant stated that 'should' is correct.
- \* Lion Mike Baker (Alton): Stated that CPI is an acceptable measure.
- \* Roy Cuthbertson (Meon Valley): Lions members are mainly retired and we should not be making our costs higher.
- \* DT Linda Picton: The Charity Commission would say the 'should' means 'must'.

**The proposal was rejected.**

**Resolution 5:** In the event of any redistricting or restructuring within MD105 that directly affects District 105D the assets, including equipment and balances within District 105D Administration Account will be returned to the members as follows:

At the end of the financial year prior to redistricting, total funds will be calculated as at 30<sup>th</sup> June.

Total funds will be returned to each Club on a pro-rata basis based on the recorded membership as at 30<sup>th</sup> June.

Equipment and other assets of the District will be identified, stored and made available for use on request to those Clubs in District 105D as at 30<sup>th</sup> June.

It was proposed, on behalf of Cabinet, by DT Lion Linda Picton (Hart), and seconded by DS PDG Lion Godwin Micallef (Wimborne & Ferndown).

Lion Mike Baker (Alton) stated that the Finance part was OK but how would equipment be stored / loaned out etc. DT Linda Picton stated that we would have to find a central store, somewhere, and for it to be administered. PCC Lion John Goodchild stated that the MD Re-districting Resolutions do not specify what would happen to Finances/Equipment of Districts who would no longer exist, after restructuring.

**The proposal was carried.**

**Resolution 6:** District 105D considers that the preferred option of the Council of Governors in respect of re-districting 105D and splitting it three ways, is not in the best interests of District 105D or MD105 and requests Council to re-assess the viability of all the other options.

It was proposed, on behalf of Cabinet, by IPDG Lion Mike Hendy (Bracknell Forest), and seconded by 1VDG Lion David Taylor (GMS).

IPDG Lion Mike Hendy stated that by voting for this Resolution, DG Lion Alan Chapman could go to the MD Convention and state that our District is fully supportive of our proposal.

1VDG Lion David Taylor stated that Council decided that we could have the Resolution, to maintain our District.

PDG Lion Roger Huntley (IOW Newport) stated the LCI Guide for Consolidation of Districts should be adhered to.

**The proposal was carried.**

**28. Comfort Break:**

After the Break, SAA Lion Dave Ebsworth stated that 83 Delegates, representing 46 clubs had registered for voting purposes.

**29. Introduction Of Guest Speaker:** Lion Richard High (Banbury) introduced Mr. John Surtees CBE.

**30. Guest Speaker:** John Surtees gave a presentation on both his Motorcycling and Racing Car careers.

In addition, he gave an update on the Henry Surtees Foundation which he set up, following the death of his son, in a racing accident.

DG Lion Alan Chapman and PID Lion Howard Lee presented John Surtees, with a cheque for £500, for the Henry Surtees Foundation.

**31. Vote of Thanks:** Lion Ken Staniforth (Salisbury & District) thanked John Surtees for his presentation.

**32. Resolution 7:** The number of Registered Delegate votes assigned per Club should be directly related to the number of club members 'in good standing' based on the membership of that Club on the closing date for receipt of Nominations and Resolutions.

Proposed by Lion Steve Newton (Meon Valley) and Seconded by Lion Mike Baker (Alton).

During Debate, the following comments were made:-

- \* PCC Lion John Goodchild: Whilst he supports the sentiment, this is not a District decision as the LCI Constitution dictates this. They should ask the International Board of Directors to change this.
- \* CNRO PDG Lion David Merchant: had spoken to the MD CNRO and they need an indication of what is required by LCI.
- \* 1VDG David Taylor is in support of this, but it should be based on the lowest Club membership number, within the preceding year, rather than the current 'year and a day' rule.
- \* DT Linda Picton (Hart): asked what are the statistics of Clubs who send the full number of Delegates?

**The proposal was carried.**

**Resolution 8:** Whilst accepting that Resolutions required by International or Multiple District Constitution are necessarily raised and submitted by District Cabinet for consideration at District Convention, Clubs should be encouraged to raise Resolutions.

Proposed by Lion Mike Baker (Alton) and Seconded by Lion Derek Port (Woolmer Forest)

**The proposal was carried.**

**33. Attendance Reports and Notices:** SAA Lion Dave Ebsworth reported that 83 Delegates, representing 46 clubs had registered for voting purposes. Convention was reminded that Ballot Boxes would be open until 1:30 p.m.

**34. Adjournment for Lunch.**

**35. Ballot Boxes open for voting of the DG Team for 2016/2017.**

**36. Workshops as listed in the Hampshire, Monarch and Emperor Suites.**

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### **37. Settle Back**

**38. Reconvene Convention:** DG Lion Alan Chapman welcomed everyone back.

**39. Redistricting Presentation:** DG Lion Alan Chapman gave a presentation on the redistricting proposals, following the decision by 105I (Ireland) to leave MD105. The original proposal was for the other 12 Districts to be re-organised into 7 Districts. This proposal would eliminate our current District (105D). It would also end up with one or two Districts with a very high number of voting members, compared to other Districts.

We have proposed that it should be reduced to 8 Districts, not 7, which includes the continuation of our District. During discussion, the following were raised:-

- \* Lion David Birt (Blackmore Vale): asked if it was the whole of Ireland or just Eire, as the map show Ulster as being part of the UK. It was confirmed that it would be the whole of Ireland, leaving our current MD.
- \* Lion Alan Jackson (Woodley & Earley): if reduction in membership is an important factor, why not add recruitment of 1,000 new members to our Centennial program. SAA Dave Ebsworth will take this comment to a committee meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> April.
- \* Lion Reg Norton (Crofton): Looks like time was spent on redistricting rather than Membership recruitment.
- \* PCC John Goodchild (Loddon Valley): wasn't the option to revert to one District, considered by the COG? The response was that it was deemed 'not constitutional'.  
The question still remains as to why it was rejected, as only the Resolution was discussed?  
PID Howard Lee responded that to ask the LCI Board for a single District, with 12,500 members, was not deemed viable.
- \* Lion Geoff Kay (Ringwood & Fordingbridge): stated that the costs are likely to go up by £5 or £6 per annum. We should cut out the posting of the Lion Magazine, to reduce costs. Members are entitled to receive a magazine and MD is looking to posting them to Clubs, for distribution, rather than individual postage costs.
- \* Lion Peter Tabb (Jersey): are there any views, from other Districts, re maintaining 8 Districts rather than 7. The response indicated that a number of DG's did vote for the 7 Districts, rather than 8.
- \* Lion Lynden McIntyre (Slough): In changing District names etc., this will incur re-branding costs of various items.
- \* Lion John Slater (Maidenhead): Clubs on boundaries should have a choice as to which region to be part of.
- \* ZC Lion Peter Oswick (Blackmore Vale): We do not have full facts for cost implications. DG Lion Alan Chapman stated that they will be sent to all Clubs, when available.
- \* 1VDG Lion David Taylor (GMS): As to how other Districts feel – the COG was split and we cannot assess how they will vote. E.g. SE wants the 7 Districts and the MD Convention is in SE!!  
In addition, some Resolutions were rejected as there was no supporting financial information, yet MD has a Resolution without Financial information?
- \* Lion Graham Drayton (Fleet): We are at risk of losing Lions, as a result of this.
- \* Lion Marilyn Robson: asked whether we could negotiate the size of Districts, with LCI. PID Howard Lee stated that we could not.
- \* PDG Pat Nixon (Cosham): What happens if both the 7 or 8 Districts options are rejected? The response was that the plan would start again.
- \* ZC Lion Pam White (Bournemouth): asked what could we do to register 'late' Delegates for the MD Convention? The District Secretary will send all Zone Chairmen a list of the Clubs who have registered Delegates and the procedure for 'late' registration at MD Convention.

### **40. Presentation of awards for the District Competitions.**

PDG Lion Judith Goodchild announced the following Competition winners:-

<b>Bill Field Sight Cup</b>	Gosport and Lee on the Solent Lions Club
<b>Leo Plumley Award for Community service</b>	Bournemouth Lions Club
<b>Ian Birch Membership Award</b>	Westbury Lions Club
<b>Barrie Richardson Travelling Lion Award</b>	Not awarded
<b>The Graham Drayton Social Media Award</b>	Weymouth Lions Club
<b>The Brigid Hendy Website Award</b>	Basingstoke Lions Club
<b>John Greenaway International Award</b>	Ringwood and Fordingbridge Lions Club
<b>Colin Rickman Award for Youth Activities</b>	Eastleigh Lions Club
<b>Young Ambassador</b>	Rozanna Toomer sponsored by Southampton Solent Lions Club
<b>Godwin Micallef Peace Poster</b>	Martha Copplestone sponsored by Ringwood and Fordingbridge Lions Club

## **AWARDS PRESENTED ON SUNDAY**

### **Environmental Poster Competition**

Ann Twining Junior

Emma Smith sponsored by Sandown and Shanklin Lions Club

Ron Twining Senior

Sadie Wetherick sponsored by Sandown and Shanklin Lions Club

### **Peter Allen Photographic Award**

John Goodchild Loddon Valley Lions Club

### **Poetry Competition**

John Goodchild Award for Poets aged 7-10

Nathan Cook sponsored by Loddon Valley Lions Club

Judith Goodchild Award for Poets aged 11 – 16

Rhiannon Clement sponsored by Sandown and Shanklin Lions Club

### **Peace Poster**

Bill Smith Memorial Peace Poster Trophies  
7-8

Sarah Jane Butler sponsored by Yateley and District Lions Club

9-10

Saphire Marler-Roe sponsored by Ringwood and Fordingbridge Lions Club

### **41. Announcement of Election Results for DG, 1VDG and 2VDG for 2016-2017.**

DG Lion Alan Chapman announced the results of the ballots held earlier in the day:-

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor 2016-2017

Lion Ken Staniforth (Salisbury & District)

1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor 2016-2017

Lion Peter Burnett (Wimborne & Ferndown)

District Governor 2016-2017

Lion David Taylor (Gillingham, Mere and Shaftesbury)

DG Alan Chapman congratulated all the winners and sought, and received, permission to destroy the Ballot papers. He also thanked PDG's Lion John & Brenda Wood (105SW) who acted as the Tellers.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Elect: Lion Ken Staniforth (Salisbury & District) thanked everyone and addressed Convention.

1st Vice Governor Elect: Lion Peter Burnett (Wimborne & Ferndown) thanked everyone and addressed Convention.

District Governor Elect: Lion David Taylor (GMS) thanked everyone and addressed Convention.

### **42. Introduction of DG Partners Charity**

Anne Chapman introduced Tim Green of Brain Tumour Research.

### **43. Presentation on Brain Tumour Research**

Tim Green gave a presentation on Brain Tumour Research and stressed that there was minimal funding towards this. e.g. less than 1% of Research funding goes towards this, despite the fact that more people, under 40, die of this cancer, it is the biggest killer of Children in the UK, 20% of Cancers spread to the Brain etc.

### **44. Vote of Thanks:** to Tim Green, was carried out by Anne Chapman and a donation of £500 was made.

### **45. Introduction of the International Guest**

DG Lion Alan Chapman introduced PID Lion Howard Lee, who was the LCI representative who inducted Lion Alan as District Governor, as Lion Alan was unable to attend the International Convention, last year.

### **46. Address of the International Guest**

PID Lion Howard Lee stated that this District is very active and congratulations on all that we do. LCI is the largest, and most active, volunteer organisation.

We have had an association with the United Nations, as an NGO, since the UN started.

Some 18 months ago, he was appointed as the UN representative at the UN, in Geneva.

Currently, there is a large focus on the Syrian refugees crisis and, last year, saw the largest migration of refugees to Europe.

In addition, he has been involved with the Korle Blu Sight related centre project, in Accra, Ghana.

This is a project involving Lions in our MD105, LCI and Moorfields Hospital.

**47. Vote of Thanks**

DGE Lion David Taylor thanked PID Lion Howard Lee.

**48. International Awards**

DG Lion Alan Chapman asked PID Lion Howard Lee to present International Presidents Certificates to:-

ZC Lion Pam White (Bournemouth)

Lion Barbara Jeremiah (Bournemouth)

RC Lion Ken Staniforth (Salisbury & District)

Lion Brian Woods (Woolmer Forest)

PDG Lion Pat Nixon (Cosham)

DG Alan then presented District Governor Certificate of Appreciation to:-

GMT Co-ordinator Lion Pauline McCreanor (IOW Ryde)

ZC Lion Pam White (Bournemouth)

ZC Lion Jenny Bithell (Hythe & Waterside)

**49. Presentation of Gift to the International Guest**

The presentation was postponed until the evening.

**50. Presentation by Convention Host Committee 2016 and introduction of Committee**

DG Alan Chapman thanked 2VDG Lion Peter Burnett (Wimborne & Ferndown), and his Convention team, for organising the Convention.

**51. Presentation of the 2017 Convention Host Committee:** PCC Lion Jeff Byers stated that the 2017 Convention will be held in Bournemouth, as was the 2015 Convention. He introduced his team as well as presenting a video on the Convention.

1VDG Peter Burnett presented the Lions Flag, to PCC Jeff Byers, to be flown at the 2016 Convention.

**52. AOB:** IPDG Lion Mike Hendy congratulated DG Lion Alan Chapman and Anne for their year to-date.

**53. Tailtwister's Final Fling**

As Convention was running behind schedule, the Tail Twisters were postponed until the audience were leaving.

**54. Final announcements**

First-Timers were invited to attend the DG's Soiree, later that evening.

**55. Closing Ceremony**

DG Lion Alan Chapman thanked everyone and the ceremony closed with the singing of the Land of Hope and Glory and the National Anthem.

**56. Close of the 51st Convention of Lions Clubs International, District 105D** took place at 17:10 hrs.

## **CONSTITUTION, NOMINATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS OFFICER - PDG [Lion David Merchant](#)**

Following last year's District Convention the International Office at Oak Brook was advised of the names of the successful candidates in the ballots for District Governor and First and Second District Governor for 2016-17. The District Constitution was revised in line with the decisions taken at Convention 2016 and the revised version published on the District website, where a copy can always be found. The District Cabinet, at their May Meeting, accepted a proposal to host Convention 2018 in Portsmouth and there will be a presentation on this proposal during Convention 2017.

The Convention 2017 Call was issued by District Governor David Taylor in August 2016. This included requesting Nominations for the posts of District Governor, First and Second Vice District Governors for 2017-18, any Resolutions for debate at Convention 2017 and an Invitation to host Convention in 2019.

By the closing date for receipt of Nominations, Resolutions and Invitations:-

One nomination had been received for the post of District Governor 2017-18.

One nomination had been received for the post of First Vice District Governor 2017-18.

No nominations had been received for the post of Second Vice District Governor 2017-18. However it will be acceptable to receive Nominations, for suitably qualified Lions, from the floor during Convention 2017.

All nominations will require an election by way of secret ballot at Convention 2017.

Three Resolutions had been received for debate at Convention 2017, all in the name of the District Cabinet.

No Invitation was received to host Convention 2019.

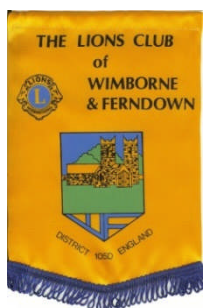
Details of the above Nominations and Resolutions were circulated to Clubs by the due date and are included in the Convention Booklet. I can confirm both candidates are fully qualified (as defined by the Constitution and By-Laws of our International Association) to stand for the posts for which they have been nominated.

At the time of writing this report in late December 2016, I had received no amendments to the published Resolutions. However, as the closing date for receipt of amendments by me was Monday 16th January 2017 it is possible this situation changed. Were this to be the case, Clubs will have been advised accordingly when final details of all the Nominations and Resolutions were issued in late January 2017.

I continue to provide the District Governor and the District Cabinet with advice on constitutional matters. Such queries currently centre on the impact and possible consequences of redistricting. Members will be aware Council of Governors have sought the views of Clubs on 2 separate occasions during the current fiscal year, and they aim to formulate a Resolution based on the Club responses. This will be debated at the Multiple District Convention in Blackpool in April 2017.

Please remember I am always willing to offer advice to Clubs on constitutional matters and I can provide advice to help Clubs wishing to prepare Resolutions for debate at Convention.

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**The Lions Club of Wimborne & Ferndown  
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Are proud to nominate

**Lion Peter Burnett  
For District Governor  
District 105D - 2017 – 2018**



**At Club Level:**

I joined Pocklington District Lions Club in 1985 serving as Treasurer, Secretary, and Tail-Twister. After transferring to Hornsea & District Lions Club in 1988, I served there as both Secretary and Fund-Raising Chairman. I took a temporary break in 1990 due to the commitments of a young family, but re-joined a year later with Wimborne & Ferndown Lions Club. Since then I have been Club President in 1997 and 2004, also serving on a number of committees including being Treasurer, Secretary, Tail Twister, Welfare Chairman and Fund-Raising Chairman.

**At District Level:**

I became the Diabetes Officer in 1998, LEHP Officer 1999, Zone Chairman 2005 & 2010, Region Chairman 2006, 2007, 2012 & 2013, Region Membership Specialist in 2014, Health & Safety Officer 2008 & 2009 and Vulnerable Persons Officer in 2008. In 2016 I was District Convention Chairman and am at present 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor

**Additional Lions Experience:**

As Zone Chairman in 2005, I also supported Bournemouth Lions Club by being their acting President; for this work I was awarded the District Governors Zone Chairman Award. I am also a Certified Guiding Lion, have attended numerous District Conventions and have been a regular at Multiple-District Conventions since 2006. In February 2014 I attended the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute in Budapest.

**At Work:**

I am a pharmacist by profession and, having sold my pharmacies in Bournemouth, I now act as a locum pharmacist. My wife and I also owned a convenience store and still own a post office in the same large run-down estate in Bournemouth as one of the pharmacies. Working in such an area allows us an insight into the problems of poverty in their community and we are both involved in various local organisations to improve the lives of the residents.

**At Home:**

I am married to Lion Debbie (who has also been a Zone chairman and acted as Guiding Lion to Southbourne & Boscombe Lions from 2014-16). We have six children – I have three, Debbie has two and between us we have 14 year old Bethany who is often seen at Club charter dinners. Our children have been brought up surrounded by Lions and have all helped in many ways.

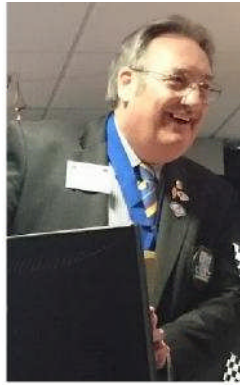
Having sold our shops I can now dedicate the time and commitment to the role of District Governor. Amongst other things I would like to make our organisation more family friendly; I believe that the experience our children have enjoyed of family lionism gives me the necessary expertise to do this and therefore enable us all to attract younger members and their families.

After nearly 30 years of Lions membership, with over 10 years on our District Cabinet, I would be honoured to be given the chance to represent our District at Multiple District level. My main focus would be on enhancing our District membership in terms of retention, new members and more family orientated membership.

**Lion Ken Staniforth, The Lions Club of Salisbury & District**  
**Nominated by the Lions Club of Salisbury & District and seconded by the Lions Club of Loddon Valley**  
**For 1st Vice District Governor 2017-2018**

**Club Level**  
President  
Secretary  
Tail Twister  
Membership Director

**Lions Award**  
International Presidents Award for  
outstanding service to Lions Clubs  
International



**District Level**  
Region Community Service Officer  
Zone Chair (2 Years)  
Region Club Development Specialist  
Region Chair  
2nd Vice District Governor 2016/17

**Outside of Lions**  
Recognised by both Wiltshire  
Council Board and Wiltshire Police  
for service to the community

**Other Lions Activities**

Attended District and Multiple District Conventions  
Instrumental in increasing Salisbury Club membership  
Instrumental in the planting of 124 trees  
Certificate holder of Advanced Lions Leadership Institute  
Certified Guiding Lion  
Assisting Membership growth in several clubs



**Prior to joining Lions**

Known in Salisbury and North Devon for fundraising activities including:  
Raising over £10,000.00 for terminally ill 9 year old boy  
Arrested by the police in Salisbury and jailed until I made bail for the RNIB (£820.00 raised)  
6 x 12 hour pool marathons raising money for various causes including SANDS (Stillborn And Neonatal  
Death Syndrome £550.00 raised), Cancer Research, Canine Partners, Poppy Appeal to name a few.

**About 'Me'**

Originally from Barnstaple, North Devon where I have two Daughters and two Grandchildren, I moved to Salisbury in 1999 and now live in Durrington. I live with my partner Jean who has been President, Fundraising Committee Member, Club Director, my Best Friend and the person I respect most in my life.

I am in the 10th year as the Managing Director of my health and safety practice and also (for my sins) run a licensed premises. One thing is for sure, a smile is never far from my face and a laugh closely follows.

My passion is music of all genre's and have been performing semi -professionally and charitably for over 40 years as vocalist and rhythm guitarist.

I enjoy my time in Lions and being a motivator of people, which has helped in the growth and development of my own Club and also whenever called upon to assist other Clubs. I'm no stranger to serving my community wherever and whenever the need has arisen and have been proud to do so in a relaxed but confident manner in order to achieve the desired end result. I am actively assisting in the pursuit of forming new Clubs on Salisbury Plain, a project that has been a long time in coming, but I am confident it will become a reality.

I believe that we must find ways to reach out to young people who have the fresh ideas whilst retaining the stalwarts who are the backbone of our Clubs. We need to guide and encourage those who are to be the future leaders of our organisation. Our Membership must be diverse, as I firmly believe that everybody has something to give, regardless of their age, gender or personal background . We **can** grow **and** survive and we have the opportunity in our centennial year with all that goes with it, to do just that.

My time as 2nd Vice District Governor has been a new learning experience, one that Jean and I have fully embraced and responded to whilst enjoying the friendship and fellowship of the Members of the Clubs that we are visiting. I believe that I am ready to advance to 1st Vice District Governor 2017 / 2018 and carry on that learning journey whilst assisting the District Governor and our Clubs in any way that I can.

On a personal note, I would like to take this opportunity to thank The Members of Salisbury & District and Loddon Valley for your continued support.

## **DG TEAM - CONVENTION 2017 REPORTS**

### **District Governor – Lion David Taylor**

Being part of the District Governor team in our Centennial year has continued to be enjoyable. Between us the District Governor Team have completed our visits to the Clubs and Club Branches, continuing to be impressed with the variety and effectiveness we have seen throughout our District.

I said at last year's Convention that I would like us especially to focus on 4 things:

- Membership recruitment and retention through satisfaction.
- Centennial, especially reporting the activities we already undertake.
- Our continued support of Special Olympics for those with learning difficulties.
- Our global achievements within LCIF.

Membership: It was with great regret that we lost Swanage Lions in June at the end of the last Lions year. Since then our GMT/GLT Team laid on an excellent session on recruitment and many Clubs have provided examples of what methods have been successful for them in the past; they are now listed in the members' section of our website. It is for others to examine these and see if they can adopt them locally for their own use. The session also looked at retention - and it remains true that Clubs with active social lives that increase enjoyment are those that survive the inevitable tensions in any group of individuals and keep their membership alive. Perhaps we all need to look at this more closely as we have recruited plenty of new Lions yet lost just as many.

Turning to Centennial: The problem continues that some Clubs are simply not completing their Monthly Activity Reports to show the work they are doing; without a doubt, more Centennial work is being completed without being recognized. Internationally, 64% of Clubs have engaged in the challenge to serve more than 100 million people – a target exceeded over a year ahead of schedule with nearly 130 million people served so far.

Special Olympics: I continue to be grateful to those Clubs who have contributed to my appeal so far. This is a hands-on partnership that will involve many Lions in Sheffield this year and every penny we can raise will help us serve in a way that embodies all that we stand for; please encourage your Clubs to continue to contribute, especially as the President of Special Olympics GB, Lawrie McMenemy, will be joining as at our Convention.

LCIF: I'm proud to say our District continues to be one of the two major contributors to OUR international charity, over £18,000 before Christmas, of which £14,000 was towards various disaster appeals. However, LCIF completes so much more in the areas of Sight, Youth and Humanitarian work and more undesigned donations would be welcome.

At the end of January, after this report was written, I will have attended the MD Council meeting, together with 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Peter, at which the final proposal for redistricting should be discussed. At the time of writing it is still intended to proceed with the 8-District option which could see us lose Zone 1A to 105SW but welcome zones from 105W (Wiltshire) and 105A (Oxfordshire); however there is still some debate to be had as two Districts have discussed their own ideas that may jeopardize the entire proposal. We will be able to update Convention accordingly before the subject is debated at the MD Convention in April.

Finally, thank you again to the Zone Chairs. I said at last year's Convention that the position of Zone Chair is the most important role in Lions and it is no coincidence that they sit on the front row of the photo headlining our Facebook page. Being your District Governor has been a privilege, but it is the Zone Chairs who should be appreciated for their support.

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### **Immediate Past District Governor – Lion Alan Chapman**

My year as District Governor didn't get off to a very good start as I was unable to travel to the International Convention in Hawaii, as was my counterpart from District BN, we both suffer with chest complaints and the long haul flights were not recommended.

At the 105D Handover held at the Stones Hotel near Salisbury in July was an unforgettable experience for Anne and I. The event was arranged by Cabinet members ably assisted by the Salisbury Club who organised a Hawaiian theme which was totally unexpected. Before the handover I was officially inducted by Past International Director Howard Lee where I took the oath in front of my District members before IPDG Mike Hendy made the handover by adorning me with the DG's Chain of Office.

My year started with the first Council meeting of the year where we were confronted with the request from District 105I to break away from the Multiple District and become a Single District. This put a lot of pressure on the DGs as it would not be possible to continue the MD with 12 districts with 10 in Transition (less than 1,250 members). This meant that the number of districts would have to be reduced, it was suggested that the MD should consist of 5 districts across the England, Scotland and Wales, Northern Ireland would go with Republic of Ireland. This suggestion was rejected by the Council and a plan for 7 districts was drawn up but

unfortunately this plan dissolved 105D which would be split between 105SE, 105A and 105W. I then put forward a plan to retain 105D making 8 districts because the road system in the south of England was not suitable for long distance travel especially through the summer months. It was a hard fight but we finished up with 2 resolutions at the MD Convention. There was also a major dispute between District EA and the Council of Governors which involved Conciliation and therefore an emergency resolution was fielded. The result of the emergency resolution was voted on and agreed by convention, this automatically cancelled out the 2 resolutions for Redistricting and the 2016/2017 Council was given the task of finding a Redistricting solution by October 2016.

My memories of that Convention were not happy as there was a great deal of dissatisfaction from the floor, much of which was totally ununionistic, leaving me with the feeling that much of my time which I invested into the Redistricting programme was wasted.

On a much happier note Anne and I had a wonderful year visiting clubs throughout the District where we were made very welcome, also meeting many wonderful Lions doing terrific work within their communities. We also attended many Charters with lasting memories of the achievements of those clubs and the people who make clubs what they are. The DG Team system worked very well and every club was visited throughout the District.

Our 105D Convention at the Holiday Inn, Winchester, was very successful in as much as we didn't lose money, we were forced to move the venue due to some uncertainty of my original choice of the Wessex Hotel Bournemouth where the budget was agreed and therefore we had to work within that figure. The success was due to the negotiation skills of the Convention Committee chaired by 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Peter Burnett and greatly supported by Sergeant at Arms, Dave Ebsworth and others, without them, things could have been very different.

Anne and I attended the District SW Convention in March. On the Friday evening at the host dinner, we were privileged to be seated on the top table opposite the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice International President Gudrun Bjort Yngvottir and husband Dr. Jon Bjarni Thorsteinsson from Iceland, who we had met before, we had a long conversation with them regarding the general state of Lionism in the UK and the fact that more female members would improve clubs. On the Saturday morning, I was asked to take part in their Flag Ceremony where I carried the Union Flag to the front of the auditorium and handed it to the DG who mounted it in Flag display on the stage. The Convention was held at the Holiday Camp at Croyde in Devon, it was a good fun event with very little formality other than during the business session on the Saturday morning. Lessons to be learnt!!

Finally I handed the Chain of Office to DG David at our Handover which was combined with DG David's first Cabinet meeting at the Southampton Hilton. I wish to thank everyone who stood by me through the difficulties of the Redistricting and advising me when it was necessary.

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### **1st Vice District Governor – Lion Peter Burnett**

During the past two years I have now visited nearly two thirds of the clubs within the district and I look forward to visiting the remainder next year.

The sheer diversity of the clubs and meetings continues to amaze me, I find it incredibly rewarding and a great honour to be allowed to visit all of our clubs. I would like to thank each and every one of you for the welcome I have received along with either Lion Debbie or another member of Wimborne & Ferndown Lions Club who always try and accompany me if Debbie cannot make it. I would like to put it in writing my appreciation of my own clubs support in this way, not least in keeping me awake on some of the long journeys home after a day at work and a meeting.

At the time of writing this we are about to enter 2017 our actual centenary year and we must all take full advantage of this. Please ensure that absolutely everything you do as a club is recorded so that the figures for people served at the end of the period are accurate.

Most clubs have now embraced Facebook and some use Twitter, as well as most having really good websites. Please ensure that your websites are kept up to date and that Facebook is updated regularly. If we are to attract more members these things are essential as the first thing a potential member will do is 'Google' your club and out of date information will soon put people off.

Finally we need to once again remember that we are a membership led organisation and that the Council of Governors is meant to advise not dictate. By the time of convention I will have completed my District Governor training in Solihull & have attended my first Council of Governors meeting with the other 1st Vice District Governors from MD 105. We will become the Council of Governors in 2017-18 and I am confident that as a team we will be more than willing to listen to and act on the wishes of the rank and file members rather than the aspirational few.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor – Lion Kenneth Staniforth**

At the beginning of the Lionistic year, I was determined to make it a year of learning and spent a lot of time listening. It turned out to be a wise decision.

Visiting clubs and listening to the varied ways that they are run by their Members, chaired by their Presidents and promoted to those around, shows perfectly what Lions are all about.....individuality, each member 'doing their bit' for the common goal. Obviously there have been times when individuals have not seen eye to eye but these issues get resolved, mostly in a way that benefits the club as a whole. Our District is strong and will get stronger as long as our message hits the right people. We must shout out and let people know who we are and the fantastic work that we achieve as part of the largest service organization in the World working at local levels.

I have been fortunate enough to assist a few clubs in their Membership Drives, some successful, some not quite, but the main message that I have taken from all the clubs that I have visited is that each have an active membership campaign and must be congratulated for that.

During training last June, I met my fellow 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governors and the big debate was of course redistricting as if we are fortunate to carry on our path to represent our Districts as the Governor, it will be up to us to oversee the transition. But as we have already experienced, nothing is set in stone and there are those who are being less than co-operative and totally selfish. Watch this space!!

Jean and I would like to express our sincere thanks to those Clubs that we have visited both officially and socially for their welcome in true Lionistic style, we have enjoyed each and every one.

Finally, I would like to thank District Governor David, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Peter (and Debbie), the Members of our District and especially the Members of Salisbury and District for your support through our personal trials.

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## **DISTRICT ALMONER - CONVENTION 2017 REPORT – PDG Lion Ron Twining**

I sent out the usual letter introducing myself and asking for details of those passing to higher service along with funeral details, also details of special occasions such as special birthdays, special wedding anniversaries, and of course any one taken ill with a very serious illness, along with details of where to send condolence, congratulation and get well cards etc, this I did at the start of the year. A lot of these details have not been very forthcoming and have made the job somewhat difficult, to say the least.

The Title of Almoner is not given to a person who only deals with deaths but someone who is there to help and deal with other more happy occasions as well, but it seems Lions think it is only to deal with sympathy in death. The District Remembrance Book is of course the permanent way the Lions who pass to higher service are remembered.

Thank you District Governor David for allowing me to be your District Almoner for the past year.

*Let us also remember those ex-lions, who during their life gave of their time and who have now also passed to higher service*

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## **DISTRICT ADMIN TEAM - CONVENTION 2017 REPORTS**

### **From District Secretary – PDG Lion Godwin Micallef**

As usual, my role this year has been similar to prior years which include minute taking at various District meetings and supporting the Clubs with District mailings and assistance, when requested.

Please remember that a one year History of mailings is available on our District website at <http://www.lions105d.org.uk/index/secretary.html>

This information is available to any Lion member, as well as the Public who access our website, so please let your members know. These mailings are regularly posted on the 25<sup>th</sup> of a month, and are available regardless of whether you receive a notification email from me, or not.

The District Directory is also available on our District website. This Directory information is restricted, and is only accessible by authorised Club and District Officers.

Please note that the MyLCI website should be kept up to date, with any changes to member's details and/or meeting places/dates etc. Unfortunately, there is no mechanism to provide me with such changes, therefore please make me aware of any changes relating to the Club President, Secretary, Treasurer or to meeting dates/locations. I will then update the online Directory.

The other important factor is that MDHQ also use the MyLCI database, to create the MD Directory and also to post the Lion magazine. Therefore, it is important that all members information is kept up to date.

Convention Books are a summary of our year, in preparation for our Annual General Meeting/Convention. Some information, such as Nominations & Resolutions, will have already been provided to Clubs, by end of January.

However, the full Convention Book, including Cabinet Officer Reports etc. are on our District website, <http://www.lions105d.org.uk/about/convention.html> and is accessible by anyone.

It is assumed that any new Club Secretary receives some training from their predecessor, which includes gaining access to MyLCI and some familiarisation of the monthly reporting tasks.

In addition to this, a familiarisation/training session is provided by the District and I would encourage Secretaries to attend. Failing that, please liaise with me, prior to the start of your year, for some guidance.

As ever, I am here to help you, therefore please feel free to contact me if you need any assistance.

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#### **From District Treasurer - Lion Linda Picton**

Accounts for 2015-2016 Administration and Charitable Trust Accounts have been inspected by Gilroy and Brookes, Accountants. We continue to be grateful for the level of service received enabling our reporting deadlines to be achieved. There was a question raised at Convention 2015 and 2016 suggesting new accountants should be appointed periodically. This was answered in part during the open session on Sunday. I have been assured by Gilroy and Brookes that they would be happy to address any queries relating to the accounts. In the first instance this would be investigated by the individual who carried out the inspection who in turn would refer to another member of the team for a second opinion before offering a response. I hope that this now offers the desired level of confidence in the system. A full set of accounts and related paperwork were discussed with the Finance Committee, who were satisfied that the level of service received was exceptional, particularly as on a no fee basis.

I am pleased to advise that no issues were reported by the Accountants. The final signed documents can be viewed on the 105D website financial information page.

<https://www.lions105d.org.uk/index/financialinformation/2015-16.html> this link has also been circulated by the District Secretary. **Reminder: no hard copies will be printed for Convention.**

Convention 2016 was again a successful event with numbers attending in excess of budget figure which made it possible for surplus funds to be transferred into reserves against previous losses. It is always the intention to offer value for money with a 'break even' result rather than the need to make a profit. This is always a challenge with budget being agreed, hotel and entertainment contracted in advance of bookings being made – which are often very last minute.

Once again many District Officers did not fully claim items of expenditure allowable under the current guidelines which contributed to administrative savings, increasing the reserve funds at the end of the year. The Finance Committee have been asked to look at and define the purpose of our reserves. We must continue to hold sufficient funds for a number of contingencies including, but not limited to:

- replacement of essential equipment
- cancellation of Convention due to bad weather etc.
- additional extraordinary Convention/AGM resulting from any redistricting/restructuring of MD105
- investment in new club development, membership recruitment programmes and additional PR opportunities

Zone Chairpersons have been asked to discuss the investment opportunities highlighted above with their clubs to enable further discussions and a plan of action to be formulated.

A credit of £5.50 per member previously agreed effectively reduces income for 2016-2017 by approx. £6,500. This figure will be taken from Administration Reserves.

Please can I encourage all club members to read the annual report and accounts 2015-2016 and to let me know, in advance of Convention, if there are any areas for which I can offer any further details. The aim is to be concise with the business on the day.

Expenditure on the Administration Account 2016-2017 as at 31st December 2016 appears on target and can be viewed in the relevant column on the Proposed Budget Plan 2017-2018 (copy below) which recommends dues for District 105D to be set at £10 per member. This budget is based on a membership of 1225, which was a realistic membership figure at the time of planning and will, if realised, require approx. £2 member from reserves.

This budget plan as reviewed by Finance Committee and endorsed by Cabinet in October 2016 is now recommended to Convention 2017. The notes page offers more details by way of explanation. At the time of this Convention we await the outcome of redistricting proposals for MD105. Therefore given the uncertainties we face, the target is for a gradual reduction in reserves over an agreed period rather than any major reduction in any given year.

All clubs are also encouraged to review their income and expenditure plans for the year and to ensure that dues are set to adequately cover annual membership fees and other administrative costs associated with the club. Please can I take this opportunity to remind you that there will be a US\$10 increase in new member joining fee effective July 2017 as agreed by The International Board of Directors.

All clubs are reminded to send a copy of club end of year accounts to the District Treasurer please.

Clubs with Charitable Trusts are also reminded of the importance of Charity Commission compliance issues relating to reporting of finances and details of Trustees. Charitable Organisation (CIO) status has suffered several major setbacks delaying the roll out. The original plan was to phase the implementation with District 105d being one of three districts in Phase I. However the data received from the 'Expression of Interest' Questionnaires indicated that the number of clubs with income in excess of £5,000 and not registered with Charitable Trust was higher than anticipated. This resulted in questionnaire being circulated across MD105. Overall - 147 clubs with a staggering income of £2,339,109 - have been identified with a need to register with Charity Commission. These clubs will by default take priority status. Following successful registration of pilot clubs roll out will restart early in 2017. It is also hoped that the expectations of those clubs with Charitable Trust status and an identified need to acquire CIO can be managed as part of the initial process.

Thank you to all club treasurers for ensuring that payments continue to be made on time. Your cooperation is much appreciated. Thank you also for so generously supporting the emergency appeals and Lions projects during the year. Details of charity donations YTD are updated at the end of each calendar month, and can be viewed on the 105D website. It is still the recommendation that donations be made via District Treasurer. Keep it simple - for all payments – cheques to District Treasurer – payee - 'LCI District 105D or by BACS if you prefer.

The Finance Committee meets regularly during the year to monitor the finances of District 105D and I am grateful for the support offered. My thanks also go to the District Governor for once again offering me this opportunity to serve as District Treasurer.

2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2015-2016	2016-2017	2016-2017	2017-2018	105D ADMINISTRATION
final 30-Jun-12	final 30-Jun-13	final Jun-14	final 30-Jun-15	PLAN	final Jun-16	BUDGET PLAN	YTD Dec-16	DRAFT	
12154	11859	14472	12926	13750	13788	6765	-93	12250	INCOME
186	162	139	131		116				Membership Dues
72	779				207				Affinity Card
		1775	1156		798				Sundry Income
									Convention Social
12412	12800	16386	14213	13750	14909	6765	-93	12250	<b>Total Income</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>									
<b>District</b>									
800	800	800	800	800	800	800	450	800	District Governor
				500	420	400	61	400	Vice District Governors
804	320	95	175	200	148	200	15	200	District Secretary
279	209	134	175	200	172	200	135	200	District Treasurer
	18		96	100	63	250		350	Sgt at Arms/Centennial
				50		50		50	DG Advisory Cttee
106	75	128	107	100		100		100	Almoner
352	67		43	200	103	200		250	Region 1
543	437	315		500	371	450		475	Region 2
99	179	70	169	200	187	200	10	250	Region 3
96			114	200	75	200	41	250	Region 4
210	145	27	28	200	36	200		250	Region 5
1229		1553	755	2000	260	2000	100	2000	Forums & Room Hire
495	350	10	132	200		200	255	200	Equipment/Regalia
606	883	697	303	750	598	750	152	650	Island Travel
			20						Bank Charges
									Tax
280	67	119	169	200	51	200	98	200	Room Hire (Cabinet)
150									Miscellaneous
6049	3550	3948	3086	6400	3284	6400	1317	6625	<b>Total District</b>
<b>Committees</b>									
120	367	316	230	450	221	400	203	375	Communications
797	733	354	476	550	408	500	40	450	Community Service
2846	3688	3651	2320	2500	2086	2500	1500	2500	Convention
6756	764								Convention Social
281	341	155	272	200	117	200	133	150	Finance
420	328	580	256	500	350	400	26	375	International Relations
119	119					50	18	50	CNRO
714		127		400		400		400	Lord Mayor Show
313	275	565	410	1000	500	1000	450	1000	Membership Drives
1336	741	829	782	1100	800	1000	266	950	GMT/GLT
				700		700		700	New Club Development
319	775		12	300		300		200	PR
				440		440		440	Training
574	770	390	264	500	417	400	125	400	Youth
14595	8901	6967	5022	8640	4899	8290	2761	7990	<b>Total Committees</b>
20644	12451	10915	8108	15040	8183	14690	4078	14615	<b>Total Expenses</b>
-8232	349	5471	6105	-1290	6726	-7925	-4171	-2365	Shortfall/Surplus
1347	1327	1316		1250		1230	1212	1225	Members
9.00	9.00	11.00		11.00		11.00		10.00	
15404	15753	17399	22348		28439	20514			<b>Reserves</b>
685	685	685	685		522	522			Administration
5000	5000	5000	5000		5000	5000			Leos
0		1775	2931		3729	3729			Convention Business
2445	2445	4495	4495		4495	4495			Convention Social
23534	23883	29354	35459		42185	34260			Membership
est yr end									
				12.032			11.9431	11.93	Total Reserves

NOTES to budget plan 2017-18				
<b>Income based on membership 1225 @ £10 per member</b>				
<b>Expenditure</b>				
ALL Minor amendments reflect historic expenditure and new Cabinet Structure				
Sgt.at Arms - change of officer 2014-2015. Now includes Centennial Officer				
DG Advisory Committee - not previously utilised - token sum as precaution special meetings				
Region/Zone: minor amendment budget also available within GMT/GLT				
Forums and Room Hire - no change in allocation. Will also provide workshops at convention.				
Island travel - minor amendment to reflect new officers				
Room Hire Cabinet - venue/charge unknown - precautionary sum				
New Club Development: new item				
Training: monies collected to assist with attendance at Institutes etc. IF MOVED TO RESERVES WILL PAY OUT OF GLT BUDGET				
Vice District Governors: previously within GMT/GLT for meetings/visits not covered under official LCI budget				
Lord Mayor Show: awaiting outcome of discussions for Centennial parade.				
Long Range Planning: reassigned CNRO				
Region/Zone budgets: element to assist with transport costs guest speakers at Zone meetings				
Balance 2013-2014 GMT/GLT/Forums/Membership Drives				
. £2050 to New Club Development Reserves.				
. Planned expenditure New club Development over 3 years				
RESERVES	<b>2015-2016</b>	<b>2016-2017</b>	<b>2017-2018</b>	<b>rationale</b>
Administration	28439	20514	18149	general reserves
Leos	522	522	522	ring-fenced funds from closure of District Leo Account
Convention Business	5000	5000	5000	ring-fenced funds emergency cancellation protection
Convention Social	3729	3729	3729	rolling total of reimbursement previous overspend totalling 8,500
Membership	4495	4495	4495	ring-fenced funds for New Club Development and Membership projects
Total Reserves	<b>42185</b>	<b>34260</b>	<b>31895</b>	
Estimate use reserves as budget plan		<b>-7925</b>	<b>-2365</b>	5000 Equipment/regalia replacement
				5000 Extra ordinary Convention contingency (redistricting)
		50% dues credit	£2 dues subsidy	
				? PR/Marketing Initiatives
				? Priorities from zones
				? redistricting/reorganisational uncertainties
				Overall aim would be gradual reduction in general reserves
				to approx £10,000 on equivalent 1 year operational costs

## **CHAIR OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE - CONVENTION 2017 REPORT – IPDG Lion Alan Chapman**

The 2016 – 2017 Finance Committee consists of myself (Chairman), District Treasurer Lion Linda Picton, District Secretary Godwin Micallef, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion Peter Burnett and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Lion Ken Staniforth.

The Committee has met twice officially and once informally prior to the October Cabinet meeting to discuss a known financial question from the floor of that meeting. The question raised was regarding the 2 years general reserves held by the District which amounts to around £25,000 which was considered to be excessive.

It was explained that it is necessary to hold reserves equalling two years income of around £10,000 pa to enable the District to cover any financial eventualities of known and unknown expenditure. The 2 year reserve was ratified by a resolution at the 2009/2010 Convention; it will require a new resolution to change this.

It has been noticeable to me as Chairman and signatory to expense claims, that very few Cabinet members are making the claims that they are entitled to, this is one of the reasons for the reserves being higher than expected; if a cabinet member does not wish to claim their expenses, there is a box on the claim form to donate the money to a District project of their choice.

There is also a legal case involving an insurance claim which has been ongoing regarding an event held 4 years ago in District 105C. District 105D was cited in error, but District Treasurer Linda is still in the process of dealing with solicitors to rectify this case of Mistaken Identity where our reputation could be compromised. The case is still pending at the time of writing this report.

There will be two further meetings held before our Convention, both of which will be Conference Calls. The committee continues to monitor the District finances on a day to day basis, and the District Governor is kept up to date with all financial matters as they arise.

The District 2017/18 budget has been discussed and prepared along with the 2018 Convention budget ready for presentation to this Convention.

The Committee agreed that the District dues for 2017/2018 should be reduced to £10.00, a reduction of £1 on the previous year.

The District accounts for 2015/2016 have been inspected by our auditors and found to be an accurate record for the year. It has been suggested that, due to the length of time we have used Gilroy Brooks as our auditors, it is time to consider a new auditor as one would do in a commercial business. Gilroy Brooks have assured us that the inspection is done by different personnel each year and there is no complacency regarding the annual inspection. The Financial Committee is happy with this scenario as there has never been any complaint and there is no cost to the District.

It is with pride that I report that the District Service, the 2016 Convention and the District Handover were successfully held without financial support from the District reserves, this is a trend which must continue. District Treasurer Linda is still beaver away with the Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) process, so far the Trowbridge Lions Club is the only club now registered as a CIO in 105D. It is hoped that more clubs will be registered in the not too distant future.

I have to admit that, at first I found the chairmanship of the Finance Committee a slightly daunting task, but with the assistance of the Treasurer Lion Linda and the Secretary PDG Godwin, the task became clear and understandable. I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Committee and especially Lion Linda for the time she puts into the daily running of the financial aspect of the District, her knowledge and dedication is second to none.

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## Resolution No 1

## Proposed by District Cabinet

### This Convention resolves that:

"Messrs Gilroy & Brookes, Chartered Accountants of Farnham, be sincerely thanked for their services to the District in the past and that they be, and the same are hereby, re-appointed as Independent Examiner to the District for the forthcoming Year."

### Explanatory note:

*Article IV Section 4 (a) of District 105D Constitution (as adopted March 1984 – with amendments to March 2016) reads: "The Governor or Cabinet shall provide for an independent examination of the books, records and Financial Statements of the District covering the Year by a suitably qualified person to be appointed (or re-appointed as the case may be) by resolution at Convention each Year."*

### This Resolution requires a simple majority

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## Resolution No 2

## Proposed by District Cabinet

### This Convention resolves that:

"The District Per Capita Levy for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 shall be in the sum of £10.00 per Lion. This shall be payable in two equal instalments - £5.00 per Lion by 1 August 2017 based upon the known membership as at 30 June 2017 and £5.00 per Lion by 1 February 2018 based upon the known membership as at 31 December 2017"

### Explanatory note:

*Article IV Section 1 of District 105D Constitution (as adopted March 1984 – with amendments to March 2016) reads:*

*(a) (i) To provide revenue to defray administration and Convention expenses of the District, and such other matters as the Governor or Cabinet shall from time to time deem fit, a Per Capita levy for a Year shall be collected from each Club by the District Treasurer at such times and in such amounts as shall be passed by way of Resolution proposed by District Cabinet at Convention held in the previous Year.*

*(ii) In the event that any Resolution to determine a Per-Capita levy for a Year is not passed at Convention held in the previous Year, the amounts collectable from each Club for the Year shall remain those as determined at the most recent preceding Convention.*

*(b) Clubs organised or re-organised during the Year shall be liable to pay per-capita dues calculated on a pro-rata basis commencing from the first day of the month following the date of their organisation or re-organisation meeting.*

*(c) (i) Payment of District Dues will not be collected for members shown as dropped by the Association's Official Records within 30 days of the commencement of the billing period (30th June or 31st December, as appropriate). In the event that the Club has already paid the District dues for that half year, the Club shall be reimbursed.*

*(ii) Billing for District Dues for a new member will begin the first day of the month in which the member joins, as shown by the records of the Association and the Club will be liable for payment of the District Dues on a pro-rata basis at the average monthly rate, based on the agreed annual District Dues, through to the end of the billing period. These Dues shall be collected by the District Treasurer at the commencement of the next billing period (30th June or 31st December, as appropriate)*

*(iii) Payment of Multiple District Dues shall be as laid down by the Multiple District Constitution*

*(d) The anticipated costs for running the District equate to £14,615. The District Cabinet considered the membership number should be 1225 for budget purposes. This would make the dues £11.93 per member. After discussion the Committee recommended that the dues should be set at £10 per member for 2017-2018 with £1.93 per member being taken from surplus funds.*

*(e) The District Treasurer shall be empowered to levy a supplementary charge, not exceeding Ten Pounds (£10.00), on any Per Capita Levy not settled in full by the due date.*

### This Resolution requires a simple majority

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## Resolution No 3

## Proposed by District Cabinet

### This Convention resolves that:

"The current Constitution of District 105D be replaced with the revised Constitution shown in APPENDIX 2 of the 2017 Convention Book."

### Explanatory note:

*All Districts have been requested by Lions Clubs International to adopt a revised District Constitution and a Standard District Constitution has been provided. This revised Constitution for District 105D incorporates the Standard District Constitution supplied by Lions Clubs International and those elements of our current District Constitution not included in the Standard Constitution.*

### This Resolution requires a two thirds majority

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## **ZONE CHAIRMEN - CONVENTION 2017 REPORTS**

### **Zone 1A Chairman - Lion Peter Oswick**

At the end of the first six months of this Lion year there are 67 members across the four Clubs, which is three down for the period.

All Clubs are aware of the need for new younger members and are making special efforts.

Bridport have a very young President in Lucy Paull only 21 years of age and doing a really great job.

Efforts are still being made to raise the Lions profile in the Sherborne and Wincanton areas, Blackmore Vale again visited both areas with their Xmas float with great success and plan to hold a significant concert at Sherborne Abbey with the Treorchy Male Voice Choir on September 16<sup>th</sup>.

Zone clubs again had a marketing display at the Dorset Show in September helping to raise the profile of Lions. It is expected that the Zone will again have this display at the September 2017 show.

All Clubs continue to work exceptionally hard in their communities raising substantial funds for their Charity work. Falling membership does not help and as said so many times we are all so thankful of the help given by "Friends of Lions". Also where possible our Clubs help each other.

Weymouth and Portland had a record 398 people enter their Christmas Day swim. Brrrrrrr !!

With support from the Zone Clubs a cheque for £2000 was presented to Future Roots who use farming and the countryside to provide effective solutions to health and social problems for young and old.

The annual zone lunch and the annual inter Club skittles match are being planned.

The 2017 zone project will be agreed at the next Zone meeting.

Overall we are not happy that the Zone is being moved to SW District considering the strong ties we have with local clubs in Dorset.

### **Zone 1B Chairman - Lion George Pothecary**

Membership within the zone has benefited from a small growth over the year (2016: 105 2017: 115). Three clubs have a membership of less than 20 but this has not diminished their commitment or activity. The Bournemouth club has successfully recruited two younger members and I believe this reflects their commitment to work with youth and also demonstrates that clubs with some younger members are likely to have more success at attracting others.

Sadly the zone lost one club last summer and my hope that they might reconsider and pick up their charter with twelve months has not been realised. However, some former members have indicated that they would be willing to continue as 'Friends' and I'm currently pursuing this in the hope that positive momentum might lead to the club being restarted at a future date.

All clubs in the zone have raised money for local causes and contributed to national and international appeals. That said, the priority for members is to serve their local communities. Bournemouth again merit mention in view of the imagination they have shown by organising a healthy living event, staging a 'Murder Mystery' evening and putting on a Pantomime.

The Zone's Annual Activity Day for young people living with physical and mental disability was again held at Redcliffe Farm thanks to the generous support of the owner. Nearly 200 people including careers attended. In addition to a BBQ and a Disco the activities available included canoeing, boat trips on the river, trailer rides, skittles and hoopla.

### **Zone 2C Chairman - Lion Jarvis MacDonald**

By the time the convention arrives I will have made all my visits to all the zone clubs. All clubs have different characteristics but all share the same objectives to serve their areas well.

As a zone we are 3 members up from last June at 119 members, I know 3 clubs that will be badging up new members in Jan/Feb, so by the time of convention the zone should be up to 122-123 members

We have held two zone meetings (Exchanges) which have been lively events discussing such topics as encouraging more ladies to join, how to encourage younger members to clubs and of course redistricting

We are holding two social events, a game night in January where all clubs meet and compete for the "Valued Horn Trophy" and a five-a-side cricket tournament in May

Many of the clubs assist each other at events which helps get through larger events and create closer ties

With regards redistricting the clubs are generally in agreement with the district view of 8 clubs – the main point is that they want our District and Zone 2c to remain intact

Westbury continue to run a vibrant Leos club with many events and tasks being undertaken by over 25 Leos members. In January Westbury will be badging one member of Leos up to a full Lion

#### **Zone 2D Chairman - [Lion Devan Kandiah](#)**

All clubs are aware and actively promoting and recruiting members to enable us to continue the great service to the community. Romsey have so far the best recruitment success and a well done to Romsey.

Both Eastleigh and Romsey Clubs are planning to have a grand joint Charter Dinner Dance to celebrate the Centennial year. This joint social event hopefully will lead to more joint activities both social and Community activities.

Clubs in the Zone will be contacted shortly for me to co- ordinate where possible the Centennial Year projects in the Zone.

#### **Zone 2E Chairman - [Lion Jenny Bithell](#)**

The clubs in this zone continue to progress. Four of the five clubs have increased their membership this year and their existing members have been retained. Recruitment as ever is a problem, and recruitment events have not worked well for all the clubs.

A lot of work has been going on throughout the zone in preparation for centennial celebrations, but large scale festivals, town events etc. are becoming more of a problem with shortages in manpower, often due to the increasing age of members.

The link with Brockenhurst College remains strong and another group of young people went on Youth Exchanges this year, returning to give their presentations at an evening in New Milton. This club has a very ambitious programme for a six week centennial festival of events during early summer. Christchurch club has lost its regular venue and is still looking for another permanent meeting place, Ringwood and Fordingbridge, Hythe & Waterside and Lymington & Brockenhurst all continue working hard and are actively involved in their regular Lions projects and work in their local communities.

#### **Zone 3F Chairman – [Lion Reg Norton](#)**

Despite the best efforts of the five clubs, notably the Lions Club of Fareham who added 5 to their membership, we reach the half way mark in our year with a total of 53 members, two less than this time last year! However, each of our clubs is determined to increase membership during this Centennial Year.

As Zone Chairman I have visited all clubs for their business meetings and had the pleasure of presenting various awards and centennial achievement patches, particularly with the Lions Club of Gosport & Lee on Solent. I have also taken part in a number of social and fundraising activities. We have had one Zone Meeting hosted on a club meeting night by the Lions Club of Crofton.

Another is planned early in 2017 when plans will be discussed for joint service activities and challenges related to this special year.

I regret that I have not been able to be as active as I would have liked due to ongoing cancer treatment from October 2016 until April 2017.

#### **Zone 3G Chairman – [Lion Anne Twining](#)**

Since starting my second year as Zone Chairman, I have had family matters that had to take priority over Lions matters, so at the time of writing this report (4<sup>th</sup> January 2017), I have only undertaken one club visit, but the others are all scheduled to be completed before convention in March.

Two Zone Exchanges have been held, hosted by Sandown and Shanklin in September 2016 and Newport in November 2016. Ryde will be hosting the next one in February, then Ventnor in March and Cowes in June, which will mean that by the end of the Lions year, each club will have hosted one.

Newport and Cowes hosted a very good Zone Social at the end of the last Lions year, this year it will be hosted by Sandown and Shanklin.

The clubs of 3G are planning a Centennial Fayre in July 2017.

I would like to thank my husband PDG Lion Ron Twining for his support over the last six months, especially for being my computer slave.

### **Zone 3H Chairman – [Lion Gordon Rhodes](#)**

Zone 3H is one of the smaller zones in the District and includes four Clubs of which the oldest, Portsmouth, has celebrated its 60<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary this year. Cosham is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Charter this year. Havant held the 50<sup>th</sup> Charter two years ago. Hayling has been established around 20 years.

The present position of the Clubs varies greatly with Hayling and Havant in good positions with well-established meeting venues, fundraising and welfare activities whilst also attracting new members. The Portsmouth and Cosham Clubs are currently much weaker despite the current Presidents being experienced Lions with experience at DG and Cabinet level.

As Zone Chairman I have visited all Clubs at least once during the year and we have held a Zone Meeting. This was attended by representatives of all the Clubs but in small numbers. A Zone Social planned by my predecessor and Portsmouth Club in the summer was abandoned due to lack of support.

Another Zone Social is to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> January hosted by Hayling Club. There is generally a good working relationship between Hayling and Havant Clubs who will attend. We are trying to encourage Cosham and Portsmouth to become more involved and benefit from the support of the more successful Clubs.

A joint Zone Membership Event is also planned in the early spring as is a membership drive at a public street event being held in Cosham.

The weaknesses in both Portsmouth and Cosham are due to low numbers of membership coupled with a number of members being very inactive. The age profile of both clubs is quite high and they both have a number of poor health issues amongst their members. They are actively looking at how the two clubs can work together. We are trying to support and District is also involved in advice and offers of support as necessary.

### **Zone 4I Chairman – [Lion Roy Cuthbertson](#)**

Zone exchanges well attended and we continue with the sharing information and experience between Clubs. Fundraising throughout the Zone remained buoyant as did our levels of service and support.

Although there has been a slight reduction in the last period, Clubs membership in general remains healthy with over 20 members in all four clubs in the zone. The higher than normal loss at Meon Valley is being addressed but 3 of the losses were due to members moving out of the area.

Governance & cost Change Proposals – The initiative which was adopted & progressed by the zone and led to the Open Forum held in Alton in June 15 is still being progressed. Following success with resolutions brought to District and MD Conventions in 2016 a further resolution pertaining to 'Partner Travel Assistance' has been submitted for the 2017 MD Convention. The focus for the next period will be to try to network with other like minded Zones & Clubs in both our own and other Districts in order to progress further meaningful change that will enhance Lionism in the UK to better serve our communities.

### **10.5.10 Zone 4J Chairman – [Lion Tony Bamberger](#)**

The zone clubs are all active and membership has generally held up well over the past year. The zone meetings are generally well attended by all clubs. This year the clubs have agreed to support an initiative from Loddon Valley to install a call monitoring system for vulnerable people, this is due to come to fruition in the spring. Three club visits were completed last year with two visits to each of the zone clubs. Three club visits have been completed with another due in first quarter of 2017.

We have had two Zone Exchanges so far with another two arranged for March and probably June.

Membership is currently Andover 10, Basingstoke 20, Loddon Valley 34 and Newbury 18 but there are at least 3 new members in the pipeline.

All three clubs are active and committed and have done some great work in the community and raised lots of money. There are a wide range of activities across the zone from firework displays, pink pig races, treacle fair to concerts, swimathons, quizzes and of course Christmas collections. A huge range of welfare type work has also been achieved from individuals requiring help to efforts around world site day, special school minibus and many others.

The clubs are very supportive of each other and always willing to help with ideas and advice and guidance.

#### **10.5.11 Zone 4K Chairman – [Lion Marilyn Robson](#)**

The Zone is doing well. Two of the clubs have low membership but still operate well. Aldershot Club Branch is desperate to become a full club but recruiting new members proves difficult.

There have been changes at Fleet club. The members of their Club Branch, Fleet Sirius, have now become full members of Fleet Lions. This has meant that Fleet club now have lady members. They have also created a new Club Branch for their members over 70, who have completed more than 10 years with Fleet Lions. Not all of their members over 70 wished to join this new Club Branch which is called Fleet Lions Old Guys.

With Fleet Club becoming mixed gender Hart Lions, who are also based in Fleet, have chosen to remain single sex. They feel that their club is working well and has attracted a good number of new members over the last couple of years.

The Zone clubs work well together and still run a very successful Zone Event, Funfest, which has been running for well over 25 years.

I have held two Zone exchanges and will have held another at the beginning of March. The numbers attending are good at over 35, but it would be good if clubs could encourage their newer members to attend.

#### **10.5.12 Zone 5L Chairman – [Lion Melvyn Williams](#)**

NIL report due to illness.

#### **10.5.13 Zone 5M Chairman – [Lion Tim Hanton](#)**

Since my last report for Covention, we have held 3 Zone meetings. These have continued to have a social theme to them:

- \* In February we held a meal meeting
- \* In May, we held an evening at SportsAble in Maidenhead, at which we participated in a number of disabled sports and also raised money for SportsAble.
- \* In November, we had held a business meeting.

Bracknell. Membership is 19.

Membership is now at 19, with a further 2 attending business meetings on a regular basis. This is great position as a few years ago they were down to 4 members. They had a very successful Bracknell Show. Bracknell have also launched a project in Gambia - more details on this can be found on [www.gambia.bracknellforestlions.org.uk](http://www.gambia.bracknellforestlions.org.uk).

Reading. Membership is 37.

Membership continues to be strong the Club is very active in its local community. They held their 1st Dragon Boat Festival last August and are looking to repeat it next year. They held a successful Charity Golf Day in July and a fireworks evening on November. Their evening to screen men for Prostate Cancer continues to be very successful in attracting attendees and increasing publicity for this Cancer. The Club continues to be very active socially with a large number of events.

Wokingham. Membership is 33.

Membership continues to be strong. The Club continues to have a number of successful fundraising activities including a May Fayre, the running a beer festival in August and a Firework display with a consortium of five Service Clubs. The Club has also been very active in the local community supporting various charities and local groups. The Club also has an active social programme, aiming to put on at least one social event per month.

Woodley & Earley. Membership is 20.

Woodley and Earley have faced a few challenges during this Lions year with their President resigning. Despite this, the Club continues to be very active. Their Fireworks event raising a record profit this year and the Club is very active with their refurbished eco-friendly sleigh. They also have an active social programme. One of their members - Lion Philip Barry - has collected 63,000 glasses for SpecTrek over the last 11 years.

## **COMMITTEES - CONVENTION 2017 REPORTS**

### **DISTRICT CLUB DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

#### **GMT Co-ordinator - [Lion Pauline McCreanor](#)**

Since our last convention the team have once again been trying their utmost to encourage the clubs to tackle the issues of Membership, Extension, and particularly Retention within the District. It is once again with regret that I have to report the loss of a club due mainly to ageing membership and members not wishing to take on leadership roles within the club.

Members of the Lions club of Salisbury are still working towards establishing one or two forces clubs within the District.

We are still working hard in trying to improve communication within the District we need both negative and positive feedback from the clubs and zones in order to be able to assist where necessary and to be able to share best practices, there are clubs that have inducted new members and held successful membership initiatives. The team have and will continue to respond to requests of help and support from clubs.

At the time of writing this report our membership stands at 1213 year to date having added 56 new members and dropping 54 which once again highlights the importance of Retention.

I have continued to work closely with the Leadership Co-Ordinator holding regular meetings. We also held a Membership Extension and Retention evening in October where members were able to share best practices and speak openly about their concerns regarding all aspects of Membership and Leadership.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Peter has communicated with Leadership Co-Ordinator David and myself regarding his action plans for the next fiscal year.

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#### **GLT Co-Ordinator – [PDG Lion David Merchant](#)**

Since our last District Convention the following leadership opportunities have been held:

(i) The Incoming Officers Seminar last April was very well attended and well received; this led to both Club and District Officers being prepared for their year in office. The event was also open to any Lions who wished to learn more about the organisation and a number of 'new' Lions took advantage of this opportunity, one which will be repeated in 2017.

(ii) An evening on Recruitment and Retention was held in Southampton in October; this was extremely well attended and a series of useful notes, for use by Lions throughout the District, have been circulated with copy on the District website.

Plans are now well advanced for this year's Incoming Officers' Seminars, however we are attempting to attract even more Lions by providing the Seminars on different dates and in different locations around the District. These will be: Zone Chairs Seminar on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May in Southampton and Incoming Club Officers on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May in Southampton or Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May in the Reading area or Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June in Blandford. Those wishing to attend will be able to select the date and venue most convenient to their own needs.

I continue to work closely with the Membership Coordinator and we hold regular meetings with the Leadership and Membership Teams, including face to face and through Conference Calls. These meetings allow us to keep abreast of developments across the District and for us to feed relevant information to Clubs via the Zone Chairs and as a channel for information from Clubs to District..

I will arrange for both Cabinet and Lions throughout the District to receive presentations on Managing Change should the proposed plans for redistricting go ahead.

It is pleasing to report this year that a few Clubs and some individual Lions have sought support or advice on specific leadership topics for their Clubs and on a personal basis.

## **DISTRICT COMMUNICATIONS PORTFOLIO – [Lion Tom Sayers](#)**

### **Communications Portfolio Coordinator – [Tom Sayers](#)**

You may have noticed that there is more and fresher content on the District website this year. This has been driven by DG David and made possible by the enormous contribution from PRO Richard Keeley.

Richard and I continue to work to further improve the information available to Cabinet Officers and clubs and DG David's suggestions have been very useful. Much more information can be accessed once logged-in. The District Directory is a good example but various documents and forms such as Insurance notes, Risk Assessments, Cabinet Minutes and Accounts are available.

Social Media such as Facebook and Twitter are being used more and more by clubs and District to help spread awareness of Lions projects. There is a Facebook feed on our Home page so you can read District posts even if you do not use Facebook.

This year's Convention website is simply <http://2017.lions105d.org.uk> and reflects the Convention theme for the year, "Centennial Convention" and gives comprehensive information and on-line booking form.

The District 105D Times newsletters, ably edited by Peter Tabb, are uploaded to the website each month and appear on a 'Lions year' page with thumbnail images of each month. The latest issue is featured on the Home page with a thumbnail image and link to the full colour version and another link to a reduced colour version for printing without backgrounds to save your ink!

The Clubs page of the website is a database of club information such as the names of the officers, meeting dates/venues and links to the club website/contacts together with Zone and Region data. Club secretaries may log-in and update 'their page' to add/edit details of meetings and venues etc.

We have a great resource in our website and I urge you all to get involved in using it, promoting it and improving it.

**Tom Sayers – [it@lions105d.org.uk](mailto:it@lions105d.org.uk)**

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### **District Insurance Adviser – [Jo Hamblin](#)**

I continue to use the District Mailing to issue insurance guidance notes to Club Presidents throughout the year. These notes are uploaded onto the District website and occasionally included in the District Newsletter.

I have continued to update the links on the insurance webpage to the Multiple District website together with that of our Insurance Brokers, Miles Smith.

I have continued to answer calls and emails from Clubs relating to insurance queries and continue to be available to provide assistance to Clubs and Members as required.

There have been recent changes to our insurance arrangements during the year. The first is that we now have an element of medical negligence cover in place to cater for Clubs who undertake Prostate Cancer Awareness and screening events and require cover for the phlebotomists/persons taking the blood samples.

The second is that insurers have revisited their 'flood mapping' and as a result a number of Clubs in the Multiple District that have specialist property insurance in place for owned/leased premises have been advised that the flood risk is now excluded. Each Club affected has been advised directly by the Brokers, Miles Smith.

**Jo Hamblin – [insurance@lions105d.org.uk](mailto:insurance@lions105d.org.uk)**

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### **District Health & Safety Officer – [Jo Hamblin](#)**

I continue to update Clubs on Health & Safety matters using the District Mailing, the District website and occasionally the District Newsletter.

I have attended two Region/Zone meetings to hold a question and answers session on Health & Safety. Both were well received.

I have continued to answer calls and emails from Clubs relating to Health & Safety queries and continue to be available to provide assistance to Clubs and Members as required.

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## **Marketing & PR Co-ordinator – [Richard Keeley](#)**

Regular PR advice requests are being received from Clubs throughout the District. The majority of requests have been for social media advice.

It is heartening to witness Clubs making greater use of online tools such as social media and websites. Likewise clubs are utilising local radio and television stations on an increasing basis. This coverage is further expanded through social media.

The MD PR monthly Newsfeeds have been published in the “members” area of the District 105D website.

The PR Equipment Pool continues to be well used. Previously recorded difficulties with unrecorded equipment transfers between clubs have improved significantly. My thanks go out to the Clubs who have gone out of their way to maintain lines of communication to ensure the smooth transfer of equipment between clubs at busy times.

In the final weeks of 2016 the finishing touches have been made to the new online PR Equipment Booking Page for the District 105D website. Minor bugs delayed its release in December but during January final tests are being carried out before its release in early February.

This new system maintains records of all District PR and training equipment and enables clubs to book PR Equipment directly through the web page. This in turn creates automatic email alerts to clubs using the equipment during nearby time frames. Also email booking alerts will go to the system administrators and the central PR Equipment Pool in Durrington near Amesbury. VDG Ken Staniforth is kindly storing, booking-in and issuing the PR equipment items.

Full details of how to access and use the online booking system will be published in the District Mailing and 105D Times.

Our thanks go to District Webmaster Tom Sayers and his Team for creating this comprehensive database and booking system. Sincere thanks also to VDG Ken for running the central PR equipment point.

The centralisation of PR Equipment assets will enable continued monitoring of the condition and serviceability of these assets. In the case of the Roadshow Gazebo the frame bag has already been replaced as fair wear and tear had rendered the original bag unusable. Also anchor weights have been purchased to enable the gazebo to be used on tarmac surfaces etc where it can't be anchored down with guy ropes.

PR training will be reviewed with Zone Chairmen in early 2017. The offer of regional training last Lionistic Year created little interest so an assessment will be made to whether structured regional tutorials should be set up or if the continuation of one-to-one telephone and email support is more suitable.

**Richard Keeley – [pro@lions105d.org.uk](mailto:pro@lions105d.org.uk)**

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## **Newsletter Editor – [Peter Tabb](#)**

Since taking on the role of Editor of the District Newsletter at the beginning of the 2014 Lions year, I have consistently tried to make the newsletter visually interesting and readable. Thanks to consistent input from a number of Clubs – a small and articulate minority – I have sought to create an inspirational publication that reflects the dynamism of the District and the Clubs that comprise it.

As stated in my report to the 2016 Convention, despite there being in excess of 60 Clubs in the District, I receive reports for publication on a regular basis from less than a dozen and consequently it is those that achieve the most coverage and while I try to vary the content as much as possible, there have been editions which might seem to have been for the benefit of very few Clubs. Having established within the past 12 months that eight pages are capable of relatively easy transmission, that number of pages has now become the norm, allowing me to publish larger articles where they are merited although I still receive many articles that are far too wordy. When giving a talk to District PROs and press officers in April last year, I stressed the need to keep articles brief and punchy and am still disappointed to see that articles sent to me (a sympathetic recipient) are the same as those being sent to other media when I know that the 105D Times will be the only medium to publish their efforts. My publication “Engaging the Media” (the result of my 50 years’ experience) is available from the District website once logged-in.

Having initially been accused of making excessive inroads into Club Secretaries’ ink stocks – a much less colourful version continues to be available on the 105D website and my thanks once again to our webmaster Lion Tom Sayers for his consistent help and advice.

My thanks also to all those press officers who take the time and trouble to prepare articles for publication and while I retain the editorial eyeshade I will endeavour to present the Lions Clubs of our District as the innovative, enthusiastic and hard-working organisations they are, ably fulfilling in this Centennial year, the ethos of our founder that ‘we serve’.

**Peter Tabb – [news@lions105d.org.uk](mailto:news@lions105d.org.uk)**

## **COMMUNITY RELATIONS PORTFOLIO HOLDER - PDG Lion Judith Goodchild**

### **Community Relations Portfolio Holder - PDG Judith Goodchild**

As ever this has again been a very exciting and challenging year and I thank DG David for giving me the opportunity to continue this role and for having confidence in me to carry it out. It is a very big portfolio and I am very grateful to my Deputy Iain Pudney, who is looking after MIAB and MedicAlert, to the Vulnerable Persons Officer Marilyn Skennerton; to the Paultons Park Projects Officer Richard Owen and to PDG Pat Nixon who has continued in the role of District Alzheimer & Dementia Awareness Officer for taking on some of the responsibility.

I have educated myself, and continue to do so, in all aspects of the portfolio. I maintain web pages as needed. I continue writing a bi monthly letter in the District Mailing.

I have the following comments to make on the various aspects of the portfolio:

#### **Competitions**

This year the Travelling Lion Competition has not had sufficient entries to make it viable. As I write this I await entries in the Environmental Poster and Photographic competitions. The rules at International level for the photo competition have changed and the rules for the MD Competition and thus our District competition were also altered to reflect this. Of the remaining competitions some will both have been announced and reported on elsewhere, e.g. Peace Poster and Young Ambassador, but the remaining winners will be announced at Convention.

#### **Environmental Projects**

This year the emphasis has been on the Centennial projects as many are related to the environment and I am pleased to see that clubs are planting bulbs and flowers and trees, recycling batteries and clearing paths.

#### **Diabetes Awareness**

Diabetes remains a serious health problem. I advertised the fact that World Diabetes Day was on November 14<sup>th</sup> and asked if clubs were doing anything for it but I have received no information to date.

#### **Disabilities, Speech and Hearing**

Our DG Lion David has made Special Olympics his charity for the year. This is a very worthy cause and I hope clubs are supporting it.

Paultons Park was again a great success. Lion Richard Owen has submitted his report on this. My thanks to Richard for taking this task on.

If anyone is looking for a local charity to support then I recommend CSSEF. Karen Jackson has spoken at past conventions and her team is working hard to help children who cannot hear. Many Lions suffer from hearing loss as they get older and it is frustrating for both those who cannot hear and those close to them who have to repeat what they are saying. Just imagine how much more difficult it is for a child who has never heard anything?

Hearing aids that are no longer needed can be recycled along with specs and handed in at Spektrek.

#### **Sight Programmes**

Once again, Spec Trek 2016 was very successful with a large number of spectacles collected. Thanks to both Petersfield Club who organised the day and to all Clubs that collect spectacles for re-use. Spec Trek 2017 is on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April. It is gratifying to see that so many clubs are taking part in the Centennial challenge to collect 1,000,000 pairs of used glasses.

A good local charity to support is Living Paintings based at Kingsclere who provide special "living books" for the blind to enjoy.

A number of Clubs took part in World Sight Day and several Lions enjoyed visiting Chichester Lions Open Day. The Lions Eye Health Programme is a very important public awareness opportunity, reminding people to have their eyes tested to combat glaucoma and diabetic retinopathy. This is achieved by distribution of literature and poster displays. Thank you to all the Clubs within our District continue to promote the programme.

#### **LIBRA**

If anyone wants up to date newsletters from LIBRA, please contact me.

If anyone requires further information on any of the above topics then please contact me

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## **MedicAlert Officer & Message in a Bottle Officer - [Lion Iain Pudney](#)**

MedicAlert are proud to have been working with Lions since 1962 and we should all strive to maintain the links we have built up over the years.

Their various programmes are structured to provide an excellent level of service to all their members and the transfer to a new Database, whilst having a few teething problems, is due to provide an enhanced level of service and payment options to make it easier for people to afford to be members.

The main benefits of MedicAlert are: -

- 1) 24/7 cover for 365 days a year regardless of where you are in the world
- 2) The only information carried around is the bracelet or pendant with a phone number and minimal information on main medical conditions
- 3) There is a membership number giving a unique identification to each Member
- 4) The relevant personal data is held on a secure database at the London Ambulance Service
- 5) There is a medical professional on the end of the phone line whenever it is called
- 6) Training is available for medical professionals
- 7) On the front of the bracelet or pendant is a universally recognised medical symbol
- 8) MedicAlert provide Training for the Emergency Services as part of their normal operations

If you wish to have a presentation for your Members we have PowerPoint presentations, posters and leaflets. I am also available at any time to come and give a talk to any group in your area, just contact me.

Remember, the scheme works well with Message in a Bottle if you stress that Message in a Bottle is for Inside the Home and MedicAlert is for Outside the Home.

The Message in a Bottle scheme has now settled down with the new one-stop shop from the Prison Service and is geared up for an almost instantaneous delivery of bottles upon receipt of an order and payment. South Central Ambulance Service are looking to have a supply of bottles in every Ambulance and this is being pursued with a view to getting some sponsorship if possible.

Message in a Wallet may well be very localised, and that sole attendees to an individual may not be happy looking in someone's wallet in case they are accused of something. Also, it may not be recognised outside the immediate area. The only way to ensure that individuals receive the appropriate treatment anywhere in the world 24/7 for 365 days a year is for them to have a MedicAlert Bracelet, Pendant or Watch. MedicAlert will also ensure that the individual is reminded to check the details being held at least once a year, which might not be the case with either Message in a Bottle or Message in a Wallet, unless the individuals concerned regularly update their forms for significant changes in their circumstances.

Finally, when distributing leaflets to the Public, please ensure that the Club name at least is on the leaflet either in the form of a sticker or stamp. That way Lions will get the recognition we deserve both at MedicAlert, in respect of MedicAlert Leaflets, and with the Public at large with respect to any leaflets we are distributing.

Lion Iain Pudney

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## **Vulnerable Persons Officer Report [Lion Marilyn Skennerton](#)**

There have been no government changes to the DBS in the last year. However there are still problems arising from the interpretation of the official government web site and this will continue whilst the checks are voluntary.

The problem is compounded because other outside agencies such as schools, community centres, youth clubs, organisations that deal with the elderly etc can introduce their own requirements. e.g. some schools require anyone going into their building to assist with reading to the pupils to be checked and cleared others take the view as the Lion member is not on their own with a pupil therefore this is not required. Similarly a Lion member driving a mini bus for the elderly in some regions will need to be checked whereas in another this is not required. The only way to be sure is to check with the organisations you are involved with in your area and work with them.

More and more clubs are now automatically registering all new members and this seems the obvious way forward. To those people who complain it is an infringement of their privacy I think the question is why. The information given on the forms is readily available to a number of other agencies.

It is better to be safe than sorry and at the end of the day if we are to serve our community then we have to be seen to be open and honest.

Lion Marilyn Skennerton [vulnerable@lions105d.org.uk](mailto:vulnerable@lions105d.org.uk)

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#### **Paultons Park Day Outing - Lion Richard Owen (Warminster)**

Following the successful visit in 2016 when some 1,700 guests were entertained by 34 Clubs from the District, arrangements have now been confirmed for this year (2017), and details will be circulated by the District Secretary in January.

After consultation with the DG and Paultons Park we will be able to visit again on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May, and have been offered the hugely discounted price of £11.00 per ticket, further reduced to £10.75 by means of a subsidy from the District Paultons Fund.

Paultons Park management team are very keen that we should again be paying them a visit, and we are indebted to them for offering us such a wonderful opportunity to offer our guests a fantastic day out.

Lion Richard Owen (Warminster).

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#### **District Dementia Awareness Officer - PDG LION PAT NIXON**

It is very difficult to write anything very different to the report I gave at this time last year when I urged all clubs to look at the Dementia project and to find a way of becoming involved and at the same time raise their own profile within their community.

To date I have spoken with representatives of thirty-one of our clubs in 105D. All those clubs have had information packs with suggestions on possibilities for involvement. I just wish that the remainder through their Zone chairs had made contact! It is my aim to have packs available, for those I have not reached, to collect at Convention.

As you are aware this project came about because seven years ago, my husband Lion Eric, was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. Over the past 18 months Eric has been with me as I have spoken to clubs. He has openly spoken about what has happened to him and shared his feelings. He has proved that life goes on after diagnosis.

However it is now becoming more difficult for us to travel and stay away from home. I will not therefore be continuing in this role, in its present form, after the end of this Lionic year, although I will always be available to offer advice.

There is so much more that Lions Clubs can do !.....With knowledge you can all help!

PDG Lion Pat Nixon

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## **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS – PDG Lion Barrie Richardson.**

### **Europa Forum.**

What is Europa Forum? Quite simply it is the Annual General Meeting of all the Multiple Districts in Europe, our Constitutional Area, very much as our District Convention is the Annual General Meeting of all Clubs within our District. Business takes place over three days with added social events. Voting on any Resolutions proposed is on the basis of one vote for each Multiple District present.

My job as I see it, is to encourage participation by members of our District, disseminate information as it is received, encourage Clubs, Zones and Regions to prepare and submit reports of successful activities which could be considered for inclusion in future Forums and to investigate Group travel facilities for members attending where this is practicable.

The **62<sup>nd</sup> Europa Forum** was held in **Sofia, Bulgaria** on **28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October 2016** hosted by our colleagues in **District 130, Bulgaria** and followed the theme **“United to Serve”**. Due to unforeseen circumstances I had to withdraw from attending at the last minute but I am aware that at least one member from our District did attend.

I have to report that contrary to the Rules of Procedure only a very few of the minor meeting Agendas were published on the Forum website prior to the event taking place, which is most unsatisfactory. In addition I received no information from the newly appointed MD Europa Forum Chairperson and there was no information evident on the MD website. However, I note from the Council Minutes that consideration was given to Proposals received that leads me to assume that at least some information had been received at MD level by whatever means, that was not disseminated to District level!

At the time of writing I am still awaiting feedback to be able to report further.

The **63<sup>rd</sup> Europa Forum** will be in **Montreux, Switzerland** on **28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017**. The official Forum website at [www.europaforum2017.org](http://www.europaforum2017.org) is up and running but with very little information at the date of preparing this report.

### **Music Competition.**

The District Competition is currently suspended pending the outcome of a review of the overall competition being undertaken by the COG.

Last years competition featured the violin but no entries were received with the result that the District Competition was abandoned and we were unable to field a candidate in the MD Competition that took place on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2016 at the Chethams School of Music, Manchester.

### **United Nations Day at the Palace of Westminster.**

Eleven members from our District attended last year's event that was held on Tuesday, 15th March 2016. A well organised event with many interesting topics presented with a good report in the Lion magazine. Some enjoyed the fun and fellowship at a Dinner following the event before departing on the homeward journey that in it-self, proved to be problematic for some! At that time of the evening it does help to get on the correct train to reach home!

Thirteen members have registered an interest in attending this year's event to be held on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017 in our usual venue, Committee Room 14.

### **MD Initiated International Projects.**

There have been no changes since my report to Convention last year.

### **Dentaid Liaison Committee Chairman – PDG Lion Roger Huntley.**

Committee: Lions Ian Simpson, Richard Frost, Tricia Snook.

Three Liaison Committee meetings are held through the year at Dentaid offices. The year to date is progressing satisfactorily.

In the last year the Dentaid charity has continued to progress and re-shape. Staffing at Dentaid is currently two full time salaried staff plus seven part time paid and several volunteers in the office and workshop. They have a volunteer who builds the frames for portable chairs in his own workshop at home in Chippenham.

In addition to the support of the Lions and other charitable sources, a considerable amount of financial support comes from within the Dental profession itself.

A number of projects have been undertaken during the year, with Dentaaid expanding its operation in the UK with the use of the Mobile Surgery purchased from the Dorset Health Authority. This service is aimed at the homeless community and those in the community who are unable to afford NHS or private dental charges. The mobile surgery is also being used to attend schools and provide oral health education. Lions decals have been provided to be put on the vehicle, in appreciation of Lions support, in particular a generous donation of £1000 from Blackmore Vale Lions Club.

Dentaaid has also been working alongside the Red Cross at various European Refugee Camps mainly in Greece, and they have over 100 volunteers who work in rotation, although the amount of European red tape has proved extremely difficult to work with.

As in previous years it is hoped once again to be able to take a Dentaaid promotion stand to various District Conventions and the MD Convention.

We wait with interest the outcome of the Re-Districting process and how this will affect Dentaaid support as a 105D project.

Finally, I express grateful thanks to the members for the enthusiasm shown towards Dentaaid particularly with financial donations and the collection of recycled equipment, which is efficiently administered by Lion Richard Frost of Blackmore Vale Lions Club, much of which is perfectly serviceable and useable but simply does not meet with current EU/UK requirements. Thanks also to the staff at Dentaaid. Together we hope to improve dental care and education, particularly in areas of the world where it would otherwise be unavailable.

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### **LCIF AND DISASTER COORDINATOR – PDG Lion Patrick Hamblin**

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is our own international charity. The work of LCIF can be found on its website – [www.lcif.org](http://www.lcif.org). To ensure that all funds are used wisely they are managed with local Lions Clubs' involvement. With your donations, Lions and LCIF will continue to fight blindness, support youth, provide disaster relief and meet humanitarian needs all around the world. Through LCIF Lions are addressing global health issues such as measles and diabetes.

Clubs in District 105D were very generous with their contributions in the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016, with a total of £15,350 being donated. This accounted for 9.32% of the total donated by all Clubs in the Multiple District and we were the third largest contributor. The largest amounts were for disaster relief and the measles campaign.

This year Clubs have been even more generous with their donations. Since 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 Clubs in the District have donated £19,539. As at 31st December 2016 District 105D was again the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest contributor to LCIF, with 17.74% of the contributions, with only District 105EA ahead with 18.11% of the total contributions. 39 Clubs in the District have made donations to LCIF so far this Lionistic year. To all those Clubs I say 'thank you' on behalf of both LCIF and the persons assisted by the donations.

The worldwide fundraising campaign for measles elimination is continuing until December 2017. This is an LCIF involvement with the GAVI Alliance, a public-private partnership whose mission is to save children's lives and protect people's health by increasing access to immunisation in the world's poorest countries. The funds raised by Lions will be matched by the UK Government Department for International Development and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Melvin Jones Fellowships (MJFs) continue to be awarded by Clubs and many Clubs in the District have donated adequate funds to LCIF to be able to award this recognition without additional donations. Assistance has been given to a number of Clubs with MJF applications.

From July 2016 I have been pleased to have been granted a column in the '105D Times', which is a great way of reaching all members with both news, appeals and grants information. I am conscious that the LCIF website does not easily provide information on grants given and I am raising this at MD level.

The demand for presentations on LCIF has been very limited. The story of LCIF and what it has done and is doing is an amazing one and I urge Clubs and particularly Zones to request a presentation.

Many members are unaware just how major our own charity is in the world rankings of charities. I would remind members that all funds donated to LCIF are used for the provision of grants. Administration charges are funded from interest on investments. Investments are needed because it is never known when the next disaster will occur or the next need for a grant will arise and also to pay for the running costs with interest gained.

To date, there have not been any 'disasters' in the District where my involvement has been required in this Lionistic year.

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## **YOUTH COMMITTEE - [Lion Denise Stenner](#)**

### **LEOS – [Lion John Apps](#)**

Alpha Leos. Currently Windsor and Westbury remain the only Alpha clubs. Any clubs wanting more information with a view to starting their own club may contact the youth team at any time.

Omega Leos (18 – 30 Year old) are represented by Guernsey Leo Club and are now 7 years old. Guernsey Lions are a strong Club and this is reflected in their Leos. A presentation by these Leos took place at our last Convention. Sadly this did not encourage any Lions clubs to contact me with a view to forming their own Omega Leo Club.

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### **Youth Exchange. - [Lion John Apps](#)**

Inward. This year the camp is to be held at Worcester at the beginning of August. Once more I would like to make a plea for hosts to come forward so that we may offer places at the end of July 2017 prior to the camp.

Outward. Last year the majority of the 28 who went abroad were from 2 clubs in our district. This year there is every indication that there will be the same numbers with Ringwood & Fordingbridge together with New Milton providing most candidates.

All clubs could offer this wonderful experience to deserving youngsters in their areas, contact the youth team for more information.

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### **Young Ambassador of the 21st Century – [Lion Yorky Tuke](#)**

At the time of writing this Convention report I am pleased to report that we have three candidates for this year's district competition. There will be an update to Cabinet after the District final on the weekend of 7th and 8th January 2017. Update to the report will be given at Convention.

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### **Young Leaders in Service - [Lion Yorky Tuke](#)**

The Young Leaders in Service project is making steady progress in District 105 D. Awareness of this project within the district has increased and this is demonstrated by the increase in enquiries I have had. Facebook and Twitter are also being utilised much more. A number of changes have been made to the administration of this project. A simplified version of the forms can be downloaded from the District Young Leaders in Service website. These are the forms that must be used and when completed should be sent to the District Young Leaders in Service Officer. These changes are designed to streamline the admin work of clubs and district.

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### **Lifeskills – [Lion Denise Stenner](#)**

There has been virtually no interest in Lifeskills resources from clubs in this District and this is reflected in a lack of sales. Lifeskills information is now being sent out to all Lions Clubs through the new the monthly Newsfeed. An appeal for donations towards an identified need for Lifeskills teaching resources in Africa and in particular Malawi met with some support from Clubs. An updated resources catalogue is now available on the Lifeskills website at [www.lionslifeskills.co.uk](http://www.lionslifeskills.co.uk).

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### **Peace Poster, Essay and Poetry Competition – [Lion Frances Bond](#)**

Poetry is the last competition to be judged this year. This will take place in the February Cabinet, with a preliminary on 7th January at the Young Ambassadors weekend.

The winning entry will be posted on the web site.

There were no entries for the essay competition again this year.

Relevant websites have been kept up to date and any questions from clubs answered.

A new link has been entered on the Home page of the 105D website to see just the winning Peace Posters. The winning Peace Posters have been posted on the District web site.

**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS DISTRICT 105D**

**CONVENTION STANDING ORDERS**

(INCORPORATING ALL ACCEPTED AMENDMENTS THROUGH MARCH 2015)

**CHAIRMAN**

1. The Chairman shall have discretion in selecting speakers, in deciding on the number of speakers to any resolution/amendment and in terminating discussion whenever he considers it appropriate.
2. The Chairman, being entirely neutral, shall not be a delegate of his Club and if at any time he wishes to express a personal opinion on a matter under discussion he shall vacate the Chair for this purpose.

**SPEAKERS**

3. On the Chairman standing any speaker shall yield to the Chair and immediately resume his seat.
4. (a) Any person wishing to speak on any report/resolution/amendment or other matter of business, must use a microphone, announce his name and Club, and address the Chair.  
  
(b) With the exception of the provision for the Chairman in accordance with Clause 2 above, a member of Cabinet speaking on any report/resolution/ amendment or other matter of business shall be deemed to be representing his personal views unless he states otherwise.  
  
(c) Unless Convention decides otherwise, only the Chairman, and the mover of a resolution in exercising his right of reply, shall speak more than once on any report/resolution/amendment.

**RESOLUTIONS AND AMENDMENTS**

5. (a) Resolutions/amendments will be moved by:
  - (i) Nominees on behalf of Cabinet; or
  - (ii) A member on behalf of the Club submitting the resolution/amendment.(b) Resolutions/amendments will be seconded by a member on behalf of a Club other than in Clause 5(a)(ii) above.
6. Resolutions shall be taken as read without being formally read into the record.

7. (a) If no member is present from a Club submitting a resolution/amendment then, unless that Club advises the Resolutions Officer in writing before the commencement of the Convention of the names of a mover and seconder each from other separate Clubs, the resolution/amendment shall be withdrawn unless Convention shall otherwise decide. With this one exception no resolution/ amendment may be withdrawn after the Convention Call has been issued and Clubs have been notified of the proposed resolution/amendment, without the consent of Convention;
- (b) If a resolution be withdrawn with the consent of Convention and there has been an amendment submitted to that resolution then that amended resolution shall become the substantive resolution;
- (c) Each resolution/amendment shall be moved and seconded before consideration by Convention, and not more than one resolution/amendment shall be discussed at any one time;
- (d) No person shall move more than one amendment to any resolution nor shall the mover of a resolution move any amendment to such resolution;
- (e) Where appropriate, resolutions/amendments will be put for consideration immediately following the adoption of the relevant District Officer's report.

#### **TIME LIMITS FOR SPEECHES**

8. (a) The mover of a resolution / amendment will be permitted a maximum of three minutes to put their case, and after doing so shall formally move the resolution / amendment. The seconder will second the resolution / amendment without being called to the rostrum and may exercise the right to speak in debate by catching the Chairman's eye. At the conclusion of the debate and before a vote is taken on a resolution the mover of the resolution only shall have the right of reply for the purpose of answering questions or clarifying points raised, and shall not be allowed more than two minutes for this purpose. They will not be permitted to introduce fresh arguments.
- (b) The mover of an amendment shall not be entitled to the right of reply except when an original resolution has been displaced by an amendment which has become a substantive resolution in accordance with Clause 7(b) above when the right of reply ensues to the mover of the amendment.
9. (a) With the exception of the time limits stated in Clause 8(a) each speaker in general debate will be limited to one minute and must direct their comments directly to the report/resolution/amendment under discussion.
- (b) The times specified for speakers may be exceeded only with the approval of convention.

**VOTING**

10. The Voting on any report/resolution/amendment on general business shall be by a show of Delegate Cards of those present and Voting. The Chairman shall declare the result or order a count. If the Chairman's declaration is challenged by 20 (twenty) or more registered delegates, the votes shall be counted.
11. **Any elections of candidates for office shall be by secret written ballot and such elections shall be carried out by the method commonly called the Single Transferable Vote or Preferential Voting or the Alternative Vote."**
12. In the event of a tie following a show of hands or secret ballot the Chairman shall cast the deciding vote.

**MOTION PROCEED TO NEXT BUSINESS**

13. Any person, provided he has not already spoken on the matter under discussion, may move at any time that Convention proceed to next business, and if this proposal be seconded the Chairman shall put the matter to Convention after discussion and the mover of the resolution has been offered the right of reply.

**POINT OF ORDER OR QUESTION**

14. Any person may at any time ask a question or raise a point of order through the Chair but must confine the question or point of order to the subject before Convention.

**IMPLEMENTATION OF, AND AMENDMENTS TO, STANDING ORDERS**

15. (a) These Standing Orders shall take full force and effect following adoption by a duly proposed resolution accepted at Convention by a majority vote of not less than two-thirds of voting registered delegates, or their alternates, as the case may be.  
  
(b) These Standing Orders can only be amended by a duly proposed resolution adopted at Convention by a majority vote of not less than two-thirds of voting registered delegates, or their alternates, as the case may be.

**END**

**NOTES ATTACHING TO, BUT NOT FORMING PART OF,  
DISTRICT 105D CONVENTION STANDING ORDERS**

District 105D Constitution (incorporating all accepted amendments through March 2015) includes, inter alia, the following provisions relating to District Conventions:

**Article IX, Section 3**

**CHAIRMAN**

The Governor should preside at all sessions of the Convention. In his absence the Vice-Governor should preside, failing this the Immediate Past Governor should preside. In the event of non-availability of any of the foregoing persons the most recent Past Governor available will preside.

**Article VIII, Section 2**

**EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS AND AMENDMENTS**

- (a) The Governor shall have power to accept an emergency resolution or amendment at Convention if, in his opinion, such resolution or amendment could not have reasonably been submitted in writing to the officer appointed on or before the date stipulated.
- (b) Such emergency resolution or amendment shall only be presented for consideration with the approval of Convention.

**Article IX, Section 2**

**QUORUM**

- (a) The delegates (or their alternates, as the case may be) in attendance at a Convention session shall constitute a quorum provided that there shall be at least one representative from each of a majority of the total number of Clubs making up the District.
- (b) If no quorum is present the session shall be adjourned to a time and place to be appointed by the Governor.

**Article IX, Section 5(b)**

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

Convention may suspend all or part of Standing Orders by a majority decision of registered voting delegates at any time during the business of Convention.

END

## DISTRICT 105D CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS



### INTERPRETATION

#### Section 1

Wherever the Male Gender or pronoun presently appears in this Constitution, it shall be interpreted to mean Male and/or Female persons.

This Constitution shall be read, construed and operated in the general context and spirit of the Constitution and Bye-Laws of the International Association of Lions Clubs and shall be binding on the whole of the Membership of this District.

#### Section 2

For the avoidance of doubt the following words shall have the meanings assigned to them:

##### **The Association**

The International Association of Lions Clubs (Lions Clubs International)

##### **Cabinet/District Cabinet**

The 105 D District Governor's Cabinet (as defined in Article III Section 1 of this Constitution)

##### **Club (or Clubs)**

A Lions Club (or Clubs) within District 105D organised, chartered and in good standing (as defined by the Association)

##### **Convention**

The Annual Convention of District 105D

##### **District**

District 105D

##### **Governor**

The District Governor duly elected for the time being of District 105D

##### **Multiple District**

District 105 of the Association

##### **First Vice Governor**

The First Vice District Governor duly elected for the time being of Sub-District 105D

##### **Second Vice Governor**

The Second Vice District Governor duly elected for the time being of Sub-District 105D

##### **Year**

The period from 1<sup>st</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> June the following year, both dates inclusive

## **CONSTITUTION**

### **ARTICLE I**

#### **Name**

This organization shall be known as Lions District 105D hereinafter referred to as “district” or “the district”

### **ARTICLE II**

#### **Purposes**

The purposes of this district shall be:

- (a) To provide an administrative structure with which to advance the Purposes of Lions Clubs International in this district.
- (b) To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.
- (c) To promote the principles of good government and good citizenship.
- (d) To take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.
- (e) To unite the members in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.
- (f) To provide a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.
- (g) To encourage service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavours.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **Membership**

The members of this organization shall be all Lions clubs in this district chartered by Lions Clubs International. The boundary lines of this district shall be as recognised from time to time by the Association.

### **ARTICLE IV – Emblem, Colours, Slogan and Motto**

Section 1. **EMBLEM.** The emblem of this association and each chartered club shall be of a design as shown above.

Section 2. **USE OF NAME AND EMBLEM.** Use of the name, goodwill, emblem and other logos of the association shall be according to the guidelines established from time to time in the by-laws.

Section 3. **COLOURS.** The colours of this association and of each chartered club shall be purple and gold.

Section 4. **SLOGAN.** Its Slogan shall be: Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nation’s Safety.

Section 5. **MOTTO.** Its Motto shall be: We Serve.

### **ARTICLE V**

#### **Supremacy**

**Section 1.** The Standard Form District Constitution and By-Laws shall govern the district unless otherwise amended so as not to conflict with the Multiple District and International Constitution & By-Laws and policies of Lions Clubs International. Whenever there may exist a conflict or a contradiction between the provisions set out in the district constitution and by-laws and the multiple district constitution and by-laws then the multiple district constitution and by-laws shall govern. Whenever there may exist a conflict or a contradiction between the provisions set out in

the district constitution and by-laws and the International Constitution and By-Laws, then the International Constitution and By-Laws shall govern.

**Section 2.** The constitution and by-Laws of District 105D or any Club within that District shall comply with the laws of England, The Bailiwick of Guernsey and The Bailiwick of Jersey (as applicable). If there is any incompatibility between any requirement of law in the aforementioned geographical areas and the District or Club constitution and/or by-laws, the law in the relevant geographical area(s) shall take precedence and the District Governor and District Cabinet or Lions Club as appropriate, shall take such action as is necessary to resolve the incompatibility.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Officers and District Cabinet**

**Section 1. OFFICERS.** The officers of this district shall be the district governor, the immediate past district governor, the first and second vice district governors, the region chairpersons (if the position is utilized during the district governor's term), the zone chairpersons and a cabinet secretary-treasurer or a cabinet secretary and a cabinet treasurer. Each such officer shall be a member in good standing of a Lions club in good standing in the district.

**Section 2. DISTRICT CABINET.** The district shall have a district cabinet composed of the district governor, the immediate past district governor, the first and second vice district governors, the region chairpersons (if the position is utilized during the district governor's term), the zone chairpersons, a cabinet secretary-treasurer or a cabinet secretary and a cabinet treasurer, and such other club members as may be included in this section as amended in accordance with the amendment procedures contained herein. Each such cabinet member shall be a member in good standing of a Lions club in good standing in the district.

**Section 3. ELECTION/APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT CABINET.** The district governor and first and second vice district governors shall be elected at the annual convention of the district. The district governor shall appoint or the district shall elect by the time he/she takes office, the cabinet secretary-treasurer or a cabinet secretary and a cabinet treasurer, one region chairperson for each region (if the position is utilized during the district governor's term), and one zone chairperson for each zone, in the district, sergeant at arms and such other members of Clubs within the District as he shall deem appropriate.

**Section 4. REMOVAL.** Members of the District Cabinet other than the District Governor, First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor may be removed from office for cause by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the entire number of the District Cabinet. The Governor may in his absolute discretion at any time replace any appointee as he shall think fit and may co-opt any other Lion as he may from time to time deem necessary and shall do so if at any time, any member of the District Cabinet ceases to be a member in good standing of a Club within the District

**ARTICLE VII****District Convention****Section 1. TIME AND PLACE.**

(a) An annual convention of the district shall be held in each year to conclude no less than thirty (30) days prior to the convening of the international convention at a place selected by the delegates of a previous annual convention of the district and at a date and time fixed by the district governor.

(b) The Annual Convention shall be held not less than four weeks prior to the time appointed for the Convention of the Multiple District in that Year.

(c) Unless resolved otherwise by Convention or Cabinet, the Annual Convention shall not be held on a date that shall coincide with any date set for the holding of the Multiple District Young Ambassador of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Finals or with any date set for the holding of any meetings of the International Board of Directors in that Year (if known).

(d) The whole of the administrative expenses of Convention, including the cost of hiring halls and equipment, decorations therein and all other expenses (including those of official guests) incidental to running the business sessions of Convention shall be authorised by Cabinet and at the expense of District. An estimate of such costs shall be prepared and submitted by the host to the Cabinet for approval. No expenditure shall be incurred by the Host until approved in writing by Cabinet.

**Section 2. CLUB DELEGATE FORMULA.** Each chartered club in good standing in Lions Clubs International and its district (single or sub- and multiple) shall be entitled in each annual convention of its district (single or sub- and multiple) to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten (10) 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 shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote only for each office to be filled by, and one (1) vote only on each question submitted to, the respective convention. Unless otherwise specified herein, the affirmative vote of a majority of the delegates voting on any question shall be the act of the convention. All eligible delegates must be members in good standing of a club in good standing in this district. Delinquent dues may be paid and good standing acquired up to fifteen (15) days prior to the close of credential certification.

**Section 3. QUORUM.** 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 4. SPECIAL CONVENTION.** A Special Convention of the clubs of the District may be called by a two-thirds vote of the District Cabinet at such time and place as they shall determine; provided that such Special Convention shall conclude no less than 30 days prior to the convening date of the International Convention and that such Special Convention shall not be convened for the election of the district governor, first vice district governor or second vice district governor. Written notice of the Special Convention setting forth the time, place and purpose thereof, shall be provided to each club in the District by the District Cabinet Secretary, no less than 30 days prior to the convening date of the Special Convention.

**Section 5 RESOLUTIONS and NOMINATIONS****Sub Section 1**

- (i) All proposed resolutions shall be received in writing by the appointed officer on or before the closing date stated in the Convention Call.
- (ii) It shall be a good and sufficient reason for the Cabinet not to accept any proposed resolution or any proposed amendment if they are of the opinion that it would waste the time, or otherwise inconvenience the proceedings, of the forthcoming Convention or if the substance of such proposed resolution or proposed amendment has been voted upon at either of the two immediately preceding Conventions.
- (iii) The officer shall have the power to re-draft any proposed resolution or any proposed amendment if in his opinion such re-drafting is necessary in the interests of clarity or for any other good and proper reason.
- (iv) In the event of any non-acceptance or re-drafting of any proposed resolution or proposed amendment, the officer shall liaise with the Secretary of the Club submitting the same as soon as is practicable after receipt of the same and having regard to the time limit established.

**Sub Section 2**

- (i) The Governor shall have power to accept an emergency resolution or amendment at Convention if, in his opinion, such resolution or amendment could not have reasonably been submitted in writing to the officer appointed on or before the date stipulated.
- (ii) Such emergency resolution or amendment shall only be presented for consideration with the approval of Convention.

**Sub Section 3**

- (i) All proposed nominations for the offices of Governor, First Vice Governor and Second Vice Governor for the ensuing Year and, when appropriate, all proposed nominations for International Office, shall be received by the appointed officer in writing on or before the closing date stipulated in the Convention Call.
- (ii) If no such proposed nominations have been received by the closing date stipulated nominations may be presented from the floor at Convention.

**Sub Section 4**

- (i) All invitations extended to act as Host for Convention to be held within the District two years hence shall be received by the appointed officer in writing on or before the closing date stated in the Convention Call.
- (ii) Such invitations shall be investigated from all view-points commensurate with the generally accepted requirements of a Convention and shall be subject to Cabinet approval thereof.
- (iii) If no invitation to host a subsequent Convention is received by the date stipulated, invitations may be presented from the floor to Convention and may be accepted, but will be subject to Cabinet approval at their next meeting.
- (iv) If there should be no acceptable invitations whatsoever, it shall be the duty of the next succeeding Cabinet to arrange the venue of the appropriate Convention at such place within the District and at such time and by such means as it shall decide.
- (v) (a) The Host shall submit to Cabinet for approval, the estimated costs and the proposed charges to be made for the various social activities to be held in conjunction with Convention.

(b) Neither the Host or Cabinet shall seek to approve charges that will result in a surplus or a deficit on these activities.

(c) In the event that any surplus is realised on these activities in any year the District Treasurer shall hold such in reserve to offset any loss incurred at a future or previous Convention, notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (iv) of this section.

(d) In the event that any deficit is incurred on these activities the same shall be borne by District. However, if it is demonstrated by Cabinet that information had been deliberately or negligently withheld by the Host or the Convention Committee appointed by the Governor when making their financial submissions to Cabinet, the deficit shall be borne by the Host or the said District Convention Committee as appropriate.

(e) Any activity proposed to be held at Convention involving the raising of funds from those in attendance shall be at the discretion of the Governor or Cabinet. All net proceeds therefrom shall be for the benefit of District funds and shall not be for any other purpose unless specifically authorised by the Governor or Cabinet.

#### Sub Section 5

All proposed resolutions, nominations and invitations accepted for consideration at Convention shall be circulated to every Club Secretary at least 9 (nine) weeks prior to the date for the holding of Convention by the Appointed Officer

#### Sub Section 6

On receipt of the proposed resolutions any Club wishing to submit proposed amendments thereto shall submit the same in writing to the appointed officer at least 3 (three) weeks prior to the date set for Convention

#### Sub Section 7

All proposed amendments to resolutions to be considered at Convention shall be circulated to each Club Secretary at least 7 days prior to Convention by the Appointed Officer. Alternatively copies thereof shall be distributed to all Delegates (or their Alternates as the case may be) on Registration at Convention.

### **Section 6 OTHER MATTERS AFFECTING CONVENTION**

#### Sub Section 1

(a) Every Club should be represented at Convention.

(b) If no quorum is present at the time any vote of the delegates is to be taken, the respective session shall be adjourned to a time and place to be appointed by the Governor.

#### Sub Section 2

The Governor should preside at all sessions of the Convention. In his absence the First Vice-Governor should preside, failing this the Second Vice-Governor should preside, failing this the Immediate Past Governor should preside. In the event of the non-availability of any of the foregoing persons the most recent Past Governor available will preside.

**Sub Section 3**

The affirmative vote of a majority of the delegates voting on any matter shall signify the approval of Convention save that on any matter the Presiding Officer shall judge to be a constitutional matter.

**Sub Section 4**

(a) At the commencement of the business session of each Convention the Chairman presiding shall invoke the latest version of District 105D Convention Standing Orders, as appended to this Constitution.

(b) Convention may suspend all or part of Standing Orders by a majority decision of registered voting delegates present who exercise their right to vote, at any time during the business of Convention.

**Sub Section 5**

Within 60 (sixty) days of the close of Convention the District Secretary shall transmit a copy of the complete minutes thereof to the Association's International Office, all Cabinet members, and to every Club Secretary.

**ARTICLE VIII****District Dispute Resolution Procedure****Section 1. DISPUTES SUBJECT TO PROCEDURE**

All disputes relative to membership, club boundaries, or interpretation, breach of, or application of the district constitution and by-laws, or any policy or procedure adopted from time to time by the district cabinet, or any other internal Lions district matters that cannot be satisfactorily resolved through other means, arising between any clubs in the district, or any club(s) and the district administration, shall be settled by the following dispute resolution procedure. Except as otherwise provided herein, any time limits specified in this procedure may be shortened or extended by the district governor, or, in the event the complaint is directed against the district governor, the immediate past district governor, conciliators or the International Board of Directors (or its designee) upon a showing of good cause. All parties to any dispute subject to this procedure shall not pursue administrative or judicial actions during this dispute resolution process.

**Section 2. COMPLAINTS AND FILING FEE**

Any Lions club in good standing within the association (the "complainant") may file a written request with the district governor or, in the event the complaint is directed against the district governor, the immediate past district governor (a "complaint"), with a copy to the Legal Division, asking that dispute resolution take place under this procedure. The complaint must be filed within thirty (30) days after the complainant(s) knew or should have known of the occurrence of the event upon which the complaint is based. The complainant(s) must submit minutes signed by the club secretary certifying that a resolution in support of filing the complaint has been adopted by a majority of the entire membership of the club. A copy of the complaint shall be sent to the respondent(s).

A complaint filed under this procedure must be accompanied by a US\$750.00 filing fee, or its equivalent in the respective national currency, payable by each complainant to the district which shall be submitted to the district governor or, in the event the complaint is directed against

the district governor, the immediate past district governor, at the time the complaint is filed. In the event the complaint is settled or withdrawn prior to a final decision by the conciliators, US\$100.00 shall be retained by the district as an administrative fee and US\$325.00 shall be refunded to the complainant and US\$325.00 shall be paid to the respondent (which shall be shared on an equal basis if there is more than one respondent). In the event the selected conciliators find the complaint to have merit and the complaint is upheld, US\$100.00 shall be retained by the district as an administrative fee and US\$650.00 shall be refunded to the complainant. In the event the selected conciliators deny the complaint for any reason, US\$100.00 shall be retained by the district as an administrative fee and US\$650.00 shall be paid to the respondent (which shall be shared on an equal basis if there is more than one respondent). In the event the complaint is not settled, withdrawn, upheld or denied within the time frames established by this procedure (unless an extension has been granted for good cause), then the entire fee will be automatically retained by the district as an administrative fee and shall not be refunded to any party. All expenses incurred relative to this dispute resolution procedure are the responsibility of the district, unless established district policy provides that all expenses incurred relative to this dispute resolution procedure shall be paid on an equal basis by the parties to the dispute.

### **Section 3 RESPONSE TO COMPLAINT**

The respondent(s) to the complaint may file a written response to the complaint with the district governor or, in the event the complaint is directed against the district governor, the immediate past district governor, with a copy to the Legal Division, within ten (10) days of receiving notice of the complaint. A copy of the response shall be sent to the complainant(s).

### **Section 4. CONFIDENTIALITY**

Once a complaint has been filed, communications between the complainant(s), respondent(s), district governor or, in the event the complaint is directed against the district governor, the immediate past district governor, and conciliators should be kept confidential to the extent possible.

### **Section 5. SELECTION OF CONCILIATORS**

Within fifteen (15) days of filing the complaint, each party to the dispute shall select one (1) neutral conciliator and the selected conciliators shall select one (1) neutral conciliator, who will serve as chairperson. The selected conciliators' decision relative to the selection of the conciliator/chairperson shall be final and binding. All of the selected conciliators shall be Lion leaders, preferably past district governors, who are currently members in good standing of clubs in good standing in the district, other than a club which is a party to the dispute, and shall be impartial on the matter in dispute and without loyalties to any party to the dispute. Upon completion of the selection process, the conciliators shall be deemed appointed with all authority appropriate and necessary to resolve or decide the dispute in accordance with this procedure. In the event the selected conciliators cannot agree on the selection of the conciliator/chairperson within the time frame noted above, then the selected conciliators shall be automatically deemed to have resigned for administrative reasons and the parties must select new conciliators ("the second team of selected conciliators") who shall then select one (1) neutral conciliator/chairperson in accordance with the selection procedures and requirements described above. In the event the second team of selected conciliators cannot agree on the selection of the

conciliator/chairperson from within the district in which the dispute arises, the selected conciliators may select one (1) neutral conciliator/chairperson who is a member of a club in good standing outside the district. In the event the second team of selected conciliators cannot agree on the selection of the conciliator/chairperson from within or outside the district in which the dispute arises, then the past international director who most recently served on the International Board of Directors from within the district or from an adjacent district, whichever is closest in proximity, shall be appointed as conciliator/chairperson. The time limits in this Section E may not be shortened or extended by the district governor or, in the event the complaint is directed against the district governor, the immediate past district governor, or the conciliators.

#### **Section 6. CONCILIATION MEETING AND DECISION OF CONCILIATORS**

Upon being appointed, the conciliators shall arrange a meeting of the parties for the purpose of conciliating the dispute. The meeting shall be scheduled within thirty (30) days of the appointment of the conciliators. The objective of the conciliators shall be to find a prompt and amicable resolution to the dispute. If such conciliation efforts are unsuccessful, the conciliators shall have the authority to issue their decision relative to the dispute. The conciliators shall issue their decision in writing no later than thirty (30) days after the date on which the initial meeting of the parties was held, and the decision shall be final and binding on all parties. The written decision shall be signed by all the conciliators, with the dissent of any conciliator properly noted, and a copy of the written decision shall be provided to all parties, the district governor or, in the event the complaint is directed against the district governor, the immediate past district governor, and, to the Legal Division of Lions Clubs International. The decision of the conciliators must be consistent with any applicable provisions of the International, Multiple District and District Constitutions and By-Laws and policies of the International Board of Directors and the laws of England, The Bailiwick of Guernsey and The Bailiwick of Jersey (as applicable), and is subject to the authority of and further review by the International Board of Directors at the sole discretion of the International Board of Directors or its designee. Failure to comply with the final and binding decision of the conciliators constitutes conduct unbecoming a Lion and is subject to loss of membership privileges and/or charter cancellation.

### **ARTICLE IX**

#### **Amendments**

**Section 1. AMENDING PROCEDURE.** This constitution may be amended only at a Convention of this District by resolution and adopted by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast.

**Section 2. AUTOMATIC UPDATE.** When amendments to the International Constitution and By-Laws are passed at the International Convention, any amendments that would have an effect on this District Constitution and By-Laws shall automatically be updated in this district constitution and by-laws at the close of the relevant international convention.

**Section 3. NOTICE.** No amendment shall be so reported or voted upon unless the same shall have been published by regular post or electronic means to each club no less than thirty (30) days prior to the convening date of the annual convention of the District with notice that the same will be voted upon at said convention.

**Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Each amendment shall take effect at the close of the convention at which adopted unless otherwise specified in the amendment.

## **BY-LAWS**

### **ARTICLE I**

#### **Nominations and Endorsement Third Vice President and International Director Nominees**

**Section 1. ENDORSEMENT PROCEDURE.** Subject to the provisions of the International Constitution and By-Laws, any member of a Lions club in the district seeking endorsements 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 is a sub-district of a multiple district to the multiple district council secretary treasurer no less than 30 days prior to the convening date of the district convention at which such question of endorsement is to be voted upon.

(b) Deliver with said notice of intention evidence of fulfilment of the qualifications for such office set forth in the International Constitution and By-Laws.

**Section 2. NOMINATION.** 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 qualifications 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 constitutional requirements.

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

**Section 4. VOTE.** The vote on the question of endorsement shall be by secret written ballot, unless there shall be only one nominee seeking the same, in which event a voice vote may be taken. The nominee receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be declared endorsed (elected) as the candidate of the convention and district. In the event of a tie vote, or failure of one nominee to receive the required majority, on any ballot, balloting shall continue until one receives the required majority of the votes cast.

**Section 5. CERTIFICATION OF ENDORSEMENT.** Certification of endorsement by the respective convention shall be made in writing to the international office by the district officials designated (and if the district is a sub-district in the multiple district to the multiple district council of governors) in accordance with the requirements set forth, in the International Constitution and By-Laws.

**Section 6. VALIDITY.** No district endorsement of any candidacy of any member of a Lions club in this district shall be valid unless and until the provisions of this Article have been met.

**ARTICLE II****District Nominations, Elections and Appointments**

**Section 1. NOMINATING COMMITTEE.** Each district governor shall appoint by written notification received at least sixty (60) days prior to the sub-district convention, a Nominating Committee of not less than three (3) and no 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, and shall not through the duration of their appointment hold any district cabinet or international office either by election or appointment.

**Section 2. DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECTION PROCEDURES.** Any qualified 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 Nominating Committee prior to the day of its report to the convention, and furnish 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 name(s) of all candidate(s) so qualified. If none are so received and/or so qualified, then, but then only, nominations for the office may be made from the floor. A 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. FIRST AND SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECTION**

**PROCEDURES.** Any member of a club in the district seeking the office of first or second vice district governor shall file his/her intention to so run in writing with the Nominating Committee prior to the date set in the respective Convention Call and furnish evidence of his/her compliance with the qualifications for said office set out in the International Constitution and By-Laws. This shall be supported by the formal nomination of a Club within the District and the seconding of the nomination by another Club within the District.

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 so qualified, then, but then only, nominations for the office may be made from the floor. Each candidate shall be allowed five minutes of Convention time to state their case for appointment. During this time, they may be supported by such other speakers as the candidate wish and in such order as he may determine, with the proviso that the total Convention time used (including that to change position at the Convention podium) shall not exceed 5 minutes.

**Section 4. BALLOT.** The election shall be by secret written ballot, with the candidate or candidates 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. If, on the first ballot, and subsequent ballots, no candidate receives a majority, the candidate or tied candidates receiving the lowest number of votes shall be eliminated and balloting shall continue until one candidate receives a majority. In case of a tie on any ballot, balloting shall continue on the tied candidates until one is elected.

**Section 5. DISTRICT GOVERNOR VACANCY.** In the event of a vacancy in the office of district governor, the same shall be filled in accordance with the provisions of the International Constitution and By-Laws. The immediate past district governor, first and second vice district governors, the region chairpersons, zone chairpersons, the cabinet secretary and cabinet treasurer (or cabinet secretary/treasurer) and past district governors, past international directors and past international presidents in the district 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. In order for a Lion to be eligible and qualified to be selected to fill a vacancy in the office of district governor, he/she must:

- (a) Be an Active Member in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in his/her single or sub-district.
- (b) Have served or will have served at the time he/she takes office as district governor:
  - (i) As officer of a Lions club for a full term or major portion thereof; and
  - (ii) As a member of the district cabinet for two (2) full terms or major portion thereof.
  - (iii) With none of the above being accomplished concurrently.

It is encouraged that the first vice district governor fulfil his/her full term of office and other qualified Lions be considered for filling a vacancy in the office of district governor.

**Section 6. FIRST AND SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNORS AND OTHER VACANCIES.** Any vacancy in office except that of district governor and first and second vice district governors shall be filled by appointment from the district governor for the unexpired term. In event of a vacancy arising in the office of first or 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 first or 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 it 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 who is entitled to receive an invitation to attend and is present at said meeting shall be entitled to cast one vote for the Lion of his/her choice.

In order for a Lion to be eligible and qualified to be selected to fill a vacancy in the office of first or second vice district governor, he/she must:

- (a) Be an Active Member in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in his/her single or sub-district.
- (b) Have served or will have served at the time he/she takes office as first or second vice district governor:
  - (i) As officer of a Lions club for a full term or major portion thereof; and
  - (ii) As a member of the district cabinet for a full term or major portion thereof.
  - (iii) With none of the above being accomplished concurrently.

**Section 7. REGION/ZONE CHAIRPERSON QUALIFICATIONS.** Each region and zone chairperson shall:

- (a) Be an active member in good standing in his/her respective region or zone; and
- (b) Have served or will have served at the time of taking office as region or zone chairperson 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.

**Section 8. APPOINTMENT/ELECTION OF REGION/ ZONE CHAIRPERSON.** The district governor shall appoint, by the time he/she takes office, one region chairperson for each region (if the position is utilized during the district governor's term), and one zone chairperson for each zone, in the district.

**Section 9. REGION/ZONE CHAIRPERSON VACANCY.** If any region chairperson or zone chairperson shall 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 thereon cease and the district governor shall appoint a successor to fill said office. Provided, however, the district governor, in his/her discretion may determine not to use the position of region chairperson for the remainder of the term.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **Duties of District Officers/Cabinet**

**Section 1. DISTRICT GOVERNOR.** Under the general supervision of the International Board of Directors, he/she shall represent the association in his/her district. In addition, he/she shall be the chief administrative officer in his/her district and shall have direct supervision over the first and second vice district governor, region chairpersons, the zone chairpersons, the cabinet secretary-treasurer and such other cabinet members as may be provided for in this district constitution and by-laws. His/her specific responsibilities shall be to:

- (a) Administer and promote membership growth and new club development.
- (b) Administer and promote leadership development at the club and district levels.
- (c) Promote the Lions Clubs International Foundation and all service activities of the association.
- (d) Preside, when present, over cabinet, convention and other district meetings. During any period he/she is unable to so preside, the presiding officer at any such meeting shall be the first or second vice district governor, but if he/she is not available, the district officer chosen by the attending members shall preside.
- (e) Promote harmony among the chartered Lions clubs.
- (f) Exercise such supervision and authority over cabinet officers and district committee appointees as is provided in this district constitution.
- (g) Ensure that each Lions club in the district be visited by district governor or other district officer once every year to facilitate successful administration of the club, and that the visiting officer submit a visitation report to the International Headquarters for each visit.
- (h) Submit a current itemized statement of total district receipts and expenditures to his/her district convention or annual meeting of his/her district at a multiple district convention.
- (i) Deliver, in a timely manner, at the conclusion of his/her term in office, the general and/or financial accounts, funds and records of the district to his/her successor in office.
- (j) Report to Lions Clubs International all known violations of the use of the association's name and emblem.
- (k) Perform such other functions and acts as shall be required of him/her by the International

Board of Directors through the District Governor's Manual and other directives.

**Section 2. FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR.** The first vice district governor, subject to the supervision and direction of the district governor, shall be the chief administrative assistant and representative of the district governor. His/her specific responsibilities shall be, but not limited, to:

- a. Further the purposes of this association.
- b. Perform such administrative duties assigned by the district governor.
- c. Perform such other functions and acts required by the International Board of Directors.
- d. Participate in the cabinet meetings, and conduct meetings in the absence of the district governor, and participate in council meetings as appropriate.
- e. Assist the district governor in the review of the strengths and weaknesses of the clubs in the district, identifying the existing and potential weak clubs and establishing plans to strengthen them.
- f. Conduct club visitation as the representative of the district governor when requested by the district governor.
- g. Serve as the District Governor Team liaison between the District Global Membership Team, working as an active member of the District Global Membership Team along with the District Governor, Second Vice District Governor and other Global Membership Team members to establish and implement a district-wide plan for membership growth.
- h. Work with the District Governor, Second Vice District Governor, and the Global Leadership Team to develop and implement a district-wide plan for leadership development.
- i. Work with the District Convention Committee and assist the committee to plan and conduct the annual district convention and assist the district governor to organize and promote other events within the district.
- j. At the request of the district governor, supervise other district committees.
- k. Participate in the planning of the next year including the district budget.
- l. Familiarize himself/herself with the duties of the district governor so that, in the event of a vacancy in the office of the district governor, he/she would be better prepared to assume the duties and responsibilities of said office as the acting district governor until the vacancy is filled according to these by-laws and rules of procedure adopted by the International Board of Directors.

**Section 3. SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR.** The second vice district governor, subject to the supervision and direction of the district governor, shall be an assistant in the administration of the district, and representative of the district governor. His/her specific responsibilities shall be, but not limited, to:

- (a) Further the purposes of this association.
- (b) Perform such administrative duties assigned by the district governor.
- (c) Perform such other functions and acts required by the International Board of Directors.
- (d) Participate in the cabinet meetings, and conduct meetings in the absence of the district governor, and participate in council meetings as appropriate.
- (e) Familiarize himself/herself with the health and status of the clubs in the district, review the monthly financial report and assist the district governor and the first vice district governor in identifying and strengthening the existing and potential weak clubs.

- (f) Conduct club visitation, as the representative of the district governor, when requested by the district governor.
- (g) Assist the district governor and first vice district governor in planning and conducting the annual district convention.
- (h) Serve as the District Governor Team liaison between the District Global Leadership Team, working as an active member of the District Global Leadership Team along with the District Governor, First Vice District Governor and other Global Leadership Team members to establish and implement a district-wide leadership development plan.
- (i) Work with the District Governor, First Vice District Governor, and the Global Membership Team to develop and implement a district-wide plan for membership growth.
- (j) Work with the District LCIF Coordinator and assist the committee to achieve the goals of the year through regular distribution of LCIF information and materials to increase understanding and support of LCIF.
- (k) Work with the District Information Technology Committee and assist the committee to promote the use of the association's web site and the Internet among the clubs and members to obtain information, file reports, purchase club supplies, etc.
- (l) At the request of the district governor, supervise other district committees.
- (m) Assist the district governor, first vice district governor, and the cabinet in planning of the next year, including the district budget.
- (n) Familiarize himself/herself with the duties of the district governor so that, in the event of a vacancy in the offices of district governor and first vice district governor, he/she would be better prepared to assume the duties and responsibilities of said offices as the acting district governor or acting vice district governor until the vacancies are filled according to these by-laws and rules of procedure adopted by the International Board of Directors.

#### Section 4. **CABINET SECRETARY-TREASURER.**

##### **(1) District Secretary**

He/she shall act under the supervision of the district governor. His/her specific responsibilities shall be to further the Purposes of this association and perform such duties as are implied by the title of said office, including but not by way of limitation, including the following:

- (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 Clubs International.
- (b) Take and keep minutes of the district convention and furnish copies of the same to Lions Clubs International, the district governor and the secretary of each club in the sub-district.
- (c) Make reports to the cabinet as the district governor or cabinet may require.
- (d) Perform such other functions and acts as may be required of each by directives of the International Board of Directors.

##### **(2) District Treasurer**

He/she shall act under the supervision of the district governor. His/her specific responsibilities shall be to further the Purposes of this association and perform such duties as are implied by the title of said office, including but not by way of limitation, including the following:

- (a) Collect and receipt for all dues and taxes levied on members and clubs in the sub district, deposit the same in such bank or banks as the district governor shall determine and disburse the same by order of the district governor.

- (b) Remit and pay over to the multiple district council secretary-treasurer the multiple district dues and taxes, if any, collected in the sub-district, and secure a proper receipt.
- (c) Keep accurate books and records of account, and minutes of all cabinet and sub district meetings, and permit inspection of the same by the district governor, any cabinet member and any club (or any authorized agent of any of them) at any reasonable time for any proper purpose. Upon direction of the district governor or the cabinet, he/she shall furnish any such books and records as requested to any auditor appointed by the district governor.
- (d) Secure bond for the faithful performance of his/her duties in such sum and with such sureties as may be required by the district governor.
- (e) Deliver, in a timely manner, at the conclusion of his/her term in office, the general and/or financial accounts, funds and records of the district to his/her successor in office.
- (d) Perform such other functions and acts as may be required of each by directives of the International Board of Directors.

**Section 5. REGION CHAIRPERSON** (if the position is utilized during the district governor's term). The region chairperson subject to the supervision and direction of the district governor, shall be the chief administrative officer in his/her region. His/her specific responsibilities should be to:

- (a) Further the Purposes of this association.
  - (b) Supervise the activities of the zone chairpersons in his/her region and such district committee chairpersons as may be assigned to him/her by the district governor.
  - (c) In coordination with the District GMT Coordinator, play an active role in organizing new clubs and in strengthening weak clubs.
  - (d) Visit a regular meeting of each club in his/her region at least once during his/her term of office, reporting his/her findings to the district governor, District GMT Coordinator and district GLT Coordinator.
  - (e) Visit a regular board of directors meeting of each club in his/her region at least once during his/her term of office, reporting his/her findings to the district governor, district GMT Coordinator and district GLT Coordinator.
  - (f) Endeavour to have every club in his/her region operating under a duly adopted club constitution and bylaws.
  - (g) Promote the Club Quality Initiative to the clubs within the zone and work in concert with the District GMT Coordinator, the District GLT Coordinator and the District Governor Team to implement the program within the zone.
  - (h) In coordination with the District GLT Coordinator, play an active role in supporting leadership initiatives by informing Lions with the zone about leadership development opportunities at the zone, district or multiple district.
  - (i) Promote representation at international and district (sub- and multiple) conventions by at least the full quota of delegates to which clubs in his/her region are entitled.
  - (j) Carry out such official visitations to club meetings and charter nights as shall be assigned to him/her by the district governor.
  - (k) Perform such additional assignments as shall be given to him/her from time to time by the district governor.
- In addition, the region chairperson shall perform such other functions and acts as may be required by the International Board of Directors through a region chairperson's manual and other directives.

**Section 6. ZONE CHAIRPERSON.** The zone chairperson, subject to the supervision and direction of the district governor and/or region chairperson, shall be the chief administrative officer in his/her zone. His/her specific responsibilities shall be to:

- (a) Further the Purposes of this association.
- (b) Serve as chairperson of the District Governor's Advisory Committee in his/her zone and as such chairperson to call regular meetings of said committee.
- (c) Endeavour to include the District GMT Coordinator and the GLT Coordinator and the District Governor Team as special guests to a District Governor's Advisory Committee meeting to discuss needs related to membership and leadership development and how these teams and the District Governor Team may assist with membership and leadership development within the zone.
- (d) Make a report of each District Governor's Advisory Committee meeting and send copies within five (5) days thereafter to Lions Clubs International and to the district governor, District GMT Coordinator and District GLT Coordinator and region chairperson.
- (e) Promote the Club Quality Initiative to the clubs within the zone and work in concert with the District GMT Coordinator, the District GLT Coordinator and the District Governor Team to implement the program within the zone.
- (f) In coordination with the District GMT Coordinator, please an active role in organizing new clubs and keep informed on the activities and well-being of all clubs in his/her zone.
- (g) In coordination with the District GLT Coordinator, play an active role in supporting leadership initiatives by informing Lions within the zone about leadership development opportunities at the zone, district or multiple district.
- (h) Represent each club in his/her zone in any problems with district, multiple district council chairperson or Lions Clubs International.
- (i) Supervise the progress of district, multiple district, and Lions Clubs International projects in his/her zone.
- (j) Endeavour to have every club within his/her zone operating under a duly adopted club constitution and by-laws.
- (k) Promote representation at international and district (sub- and multiple) conventions by at least the full quota of delegates to which clubs in his/her zone are entitled.
- (l) Visit a regular meeting of each club in his/her zone once or more during his/her term of office, reporting his/her findings to the region chairperson – particularly with respect to weaknesses he/she may have discovered (copy to district governor).
- (m) Perform such other functions and acts as may be required of him/her by directives of the International Board of Directors and/or the District Governor.

**Section 7. 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 sub-district.
- (b) Receive, from the region chairpersons and/or other assigned district cabinet members, reports and recommendations which concern the clubs and zones.
- (c) Supervise the collection of all dues and taxes by the cabinet treasurer, designate a depository(s) for said funds and authorize the payment of all legitimate expenses pertaining to the administration of the affairs of the district.

(d) Secure, set the amount of and approve the surety company issuing, the surety bond for the cabinet secretary-treasurer.

(e) Secure, semi-annually or more frequently, sub-district financial reports from the cabinet secretary and cabinet treasurer (or secretary-treasurer).

(f) Provide for an audit of the books and accounts of the cabinet secretary, cabinet treasurer, or cabinet secretary-treasurer and with the district governor's approval, set up definite schedule of dates, times and places of cabinet meetings to be held during the fiscal year.

**Section 8. SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.** The Sergeant-at- 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.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **District Committees**

**Section 1. DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE.** In each zone, the zone chairperson and the presidents and secretaries of the clubs in the zone shall comprise a District Governor's Advisory Committee, with the zone chairperson as chairperson. At a date, time and place called by the zone chairperson, 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; a third meeting in the month of February or March; and a fourth meeting approximately thirty days prior to the multiple district convention. It shall assist the zone chairpersons in an advisory capacity, procure recommendations affecting the welfare of Lionism and the clubs in the zone, and relay the same through the zone chairperson to the district governor and his/her cabinet.

**Section 2. DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S HONORARY COMMITTEE.** 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 sub-district. This committee shall meet when and as called upon by the district governor. It shall act under the direction of the district governor in the promotion of harmony throughout the district. The chairperson of this committee shall attend meetings of the cabinet when requested by the district governor.

**Section 3. DISTRICT CABINET COMMITTEES.** The district governor may establish and appoint such other committees and/or chairpersons as he/she deems necessary and appropriate for the efficient operations of the district. Such committee chairpersons shall be deemed non-voting members of the district cabinet.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Meetings**

#### **Section 1. DISTRICT CABINET MEETINGS.**

(a) Regular. A regular meeting of the cabinet shall be held in each quarter of the fiscal year, with the first of which should be held within thirty (30) days after the adjournment of the preceding international convention. A minimum of 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. This may be by electronic means.

(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 by a majority of the members of the cabinet. No fewer than five (5) nor more than twenty (20) days written (including letters, electronic mail, facsimile transmission, or cable) notice of special meetings, setting forth the purposes and a date, time and place determined by the district governor, shall be given to each member by the cabinet secretary.

(c) **Quorum.** The attendance of a majority of the officers of this district shall constitute a quorum for any cabinet meeting.

(d) **Vote.** The voting privilege shall extend to all members of the district cabinet.

**Section 2. ALTERNATIVE MEETING FORMATS.** Regular and/or special meetings of the district cabinet may be held through the use of alternative meeting formats, such as teleconference and/or web conference as determined by the district governor.

**Section 3. BUSINESS TRANSACTED BY MAIL.** The district cabinet may transact business by mail (including letters, electronic mail, facsimile transmission, or cable), provided that no such action shall be effective until approved in writing by two-thirds (2/3) of the entire number of the members of the district cabinet. Such action may be initiated by the district governor or any three (3) officers of the district.

**Section 4. REGIONS AND ZONES.**

(a) **Organizational.** 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 interests of the district and the association. The district should be divided into regions of sixteen (16) to ten (10) Lions clubs. Each region should be divided into zones of between eight (8) and four (4) Lions Clubs, giving due regard to the geographical locations of the clubs. Such changes should be drafted by the incoming Governor with the intention of taking effect when he/she comes into Office. Before making any changes to existing arrangements, Governor Elect (with the approval of the Governor), shall advise the Clubs that are likely to be affected, informing them of the reasons for the change.

(b) **Region Meetings.** Meetings of representatives of all clubs in a region, with the region chairperson (if the position is utilized during the district governor's term) or other district cabinet member as may be assigned by the district governor presiding, should be held during the fiscal year at times and places fixed by the region chairperson of the respective region.

(c) **Zone Meetings.** Meetings of representatives of all the clubs in a zone, with the zone chairperson presiding, shall be held during the fiscal year at times and places fixed by the zone chairperson.

**ARTICLE VI**

**District Convention**

**Section 1. CONVENTION SITE SELECTION.** The district governor shall receive invitations in writing from places desiring to entertain the succeeding year(s) annual convention. All invitations shall set forth such information as the district governor shall from time to time require and shall be delivered to him/her no later than thirty (30) days prior to the convening date of the convention at which the convention site shall be voted upon by the delegates of said convention. Procedure to be followed in investigation of bids and in presentation of the same to conventions,

as well as action to be taken by a convention in the event no bids are acceptable to or so received by the district governor shall be determined by the district governor.

**Section 2. OFFICIAL CALL.** The district governor shall issue an official call by printed or electronic means to all clubs for the annual district convention not less than sixty (60) days prior to the date fixed for holding the same, stating the place, day and hour thereof. The notice shall include details of the procedure for nominating persons for the posts of District Governor, First Vice District Governor, Second Vice District Governor and invitations to host the Convention two years hence and the closing date for receipt of such information. The notice shall also include details of the procedure for proposing resolutions to Convention and the closing date for receipt of same.

**Section 3. SITE CHANGE.** The district cabinet shall retain, and have, power to change at any time, for good reason, the convention site previously chosen and neither the district, officers of the district nor any member of the district cabinet, shall incur any liability thereby to any club or club member in the district. Notice of this site change shall be furnished in writing to each club in the district no less than thirty (30) days prior to the convening date of the annual convention.

**Section 4. OFFICERS.** The members of the district cabinet shall be the officers of the annual district convention.

**Section 5. SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.** A convention sergeant- at-arms and such assistant sergeant-at-arms as deemed necessary shall be appointed by the district governor.

**Section 6. OFFICIAL REPORT.** Within fifteen (15) days after the close of each district convention, the cabinet secretary shall transmit one copy of the complete proceedings to the international office. Upon written request from any club in the respective district a copy shall be furnished to said club.

**Section 7. CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE.** The Credentials Committee of the district convention shall be composed of the district governor, as chairperson, the cabinet-secretary treasurer and two other non-officers of the district appointed by the district governor, each of whom shall be a member in good standing of a different Lions club in good standing in the district, and shall not through the duration of the appointment hold any district or international office either by election or appointment. The Credentials Committee shall have the powers and perform the duties set forth in ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER, NEWLY REVISED.

**Section 8. ORDER OF CONVENTION BUSINESS.** The district governor shall arrange the order of business for the district convention, and the same shall be the order of the day for all sessions.

## **ARTICLE VII CONVENTION FUND**

**Section 1. REMAINING FUNDS.** In any fiscal year, any balance remaining in the convention fund after payment of all convention administrative expenses in that year shall remain in said convention fund and become available for future convention expenses and be treated as income in any fiscal year in which expended or otherwise budgeted for payment of such expenses.

**Section 2. FEE COLLECTION.** Such fee as the district governor shall set may be collected, under procedures set by the district governor, from each delegate, alternate, and guest attending the district convention to defray the actual cost of convention meals and entertainment.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **District Administration Fund**

**Section 1. DISTRICT REVENUE.** To provide revenue for approved district projects and to defray the administrative expenses of the district, an annual district administrative fund tax is levied upon each member of each club in the district and shall be collected and paid in advance by each club in two (2) semi-annual payments per club member by July 21<sup>st</sup> of each year to cover the semi-annual period July 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> and per club member on January 21<sup>st</sup> of each year, to cover the semi-annual period January 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> with billings of the same to be based upon the roster of each club as of the first days of July and January, respectively. Said tax shall be paid to the cabinet secretary or cabinet treasurer (or secretary-treasurer) by each club in the district, except newly chartered and reorganized clubs, which shall collect and pay said tax on a pro-rata basis from the first day of the second month following the date of their organization or reorganization, as the case may be. Said tax shall be disbursed only for administrative expenses of the district and only upon approval by the district governor's cabinet. Disbursement therefrom shall be by checks drawn and signed by the cabinet treasurer and countersigned by the district governor.

(a) Payment of District Dues will not be collected for members shown as dropped by the Association's Official Records within 30 days of the commencement of the billing period (June 30<sup>th</sup> December 31<sup>st</sup> as appropriate). In the event that the Club has already paid the District dues for that half year, the Club shall be reimbursed.

(b) Billing for District Dues for a new member will begin the first day of the month in which the member joins, as shown by the records of the Association and the Club will be liable for payment of the District Dues on a pro-rata basis at the average monthly rate, based on the agreed annual District Dues, through to the end of the billing period. These Dues shall be collected by the District Treasurer at the commencement of the next billing period (June 30<sup>th</sup> or December 31<sup>st</sup> as appropriate).

(c) Payment of Multiple District Dues shall be as laid down by the Multiple District Constitution.

(d) The District Treasurer shall be empowered to levy a supplementary charge, not exceeding Ten Pounds (£10.00), on any Per Capita Levy not settled in full by the due date.

### **Section 2 DISTRICT FUNDS, PROPERTY AND LIABILITY**

(a) The District Treasurer shall open such bank or building society accounts with Trustee Status as the Cabinet shall from time to time approve (in which shall be lodged all moneys and funds received on behalf of the District).

(b) All withdrawals from such accounts shall be on the authority signed by any two of the following persons: The District Governor, the District Treasurer and the District Secretary.

(c) (i) The Governor and the District Treasurer and the District Secretary shall jointly, but subject to the ratification of Cabinet, have management and control over the property and funds and of all budgetary matters of the District and its Committees (if any). No obligation may be approved or made which would result in a deficit in the total funds of the District at any time.

(ii) No person shall commit the District to expenditure in excess of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds (£250) in any one transaction without the prior approval of the Cabinet. For all expenditure where the sum is above that figure including District events, a budget must be submitted by the organiser/purchaser first to the Finance Committee for review before being presented for Cabinet approval.

### **Section 3 OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES**

(a) A contribution towards appropriate out-of-pocket expenses incurred in carrying out their duties (or contributions thereto) may be claimed by, and paid to, Cabinet members provided that these have been duly authorised by the Governor and/or Cabinet. These expenses shall be payable in line with the latest "District Guidelines for District Officer Claims". These Guidelines shall from time to time be reviewed by the District Cabinet and be available to District Officers from the District Website.

(b) Mileage Rates payable to District Officers in the course of their District duties shall be the same as those payable to a Multiple District Officer unless otherwise decided by the Cabinet.

### **Section 4 FINANCE COMMITTEE**

(a) Each Year the Immediate Past Governor (acting as Chairman), First Vice Governor, Second Vice Governor, District Secretary and District Treasurer shall be the Permanent Finance Committee of the District.

(b) The Committee shall be responsible for reviewing all aspects of Financial, Budgetary and Audit matters affecting District funds and shall report to and advise the District Cabinet periodically thereon.

(c) The Committee, subject to Cabinet approval, shall have power to co-opt up to two further Active Lions with specialist knowledge in such matters to serve in the Year.

**Section 5. REMAINING FUNDS.** In any fiscal year, any balance remaining in the district administrative fund after payment of all district administrative expenses in that year shall remain in said district administrative fund and become available for future district administrative expenses and be treated as income in any fiscal year in which expended or otherwise budgeted for payment of such expenses. The same shall apply to any balance remaining in any other funds held by the district, with the proviso that they be used for the purposes originally designated.

## **ARTICLE IX**

**Section 1. FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS.** The district governor and his/her cabinet shall not incur obligations in any fiscal year which will effect an unbalanced budget or deficit in said fiscal year.

### **Section 2. AUDIT OR REVIEW OF BOOKS.**

(a) The Governor or Cabinet shall provide for an independent examination of the books, records and Financial Statements of the District covering the Year by a suitably qualified person to be appointed (or re-appointed as the case may be) by resolution at Convention each Year.

(b) A copy of the Financial Statements so audited, together with a copy of the audit report therein, shall be circulated to every Club Secretary by January 31<sup>st</sup> preceding the Convention.

(c) The Governor, or Cabinet, may at any time call for an interim audit of the books, records and Financial Statements of the District together with an audit report thereon.

Section 3. **FISCAL YEAR.** The fiscal year of this district shall be from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Section 4. **RULES OF PROCEDURE.** Except as otherwise specifically provided in this constitution and by-laws, or in the rules of procedure adopted for a meeting, all questions of order and procedure adopted for a meeting, all questions of order and procedure in any district meeting or convention, any meeting of the district cabinet, region, zone or member club or of any group or committee of any one of them shall be determined by ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER, NEWLY REVISED.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **Amendments**

**Section 1. AMENDING PROCEDURE.** These by-laws may be amended only at a district convention, by resolution and adopted by a simple majority of the votes cast.

**Section 2. AUTOMATIC UPDATE.** When amendments to the International Constitution and By-Laws are passed at the International Convention, any amendments that would have an effect on this District Constitution and By-Laws shall automatically be updated in this district constitution and by-laws at the close of the relevant international convention.

**Section 3. NOTICE.** 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 at said convention.

**Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Each amendment shall take effect at the close of the convention at which adopted unless otherwise specified in the amendment.

## **APPENDIX I CONVENTION STANDING ORDERS**

(INCORPORATING ALL ACCEPTED AMENDMENTS THROUGH MARCH 2016)

These standing orders refer solely to the conduct of the business session(s) of the District Convention. They shall be appended to, but not form part of, the District Constitution

### **1. CHAIRMAN**

(a) The Chairman shall have discretion in selecting speakers, in deciding on the number of speakers to any resolution/amendment and in terminating discussion whenever he considers it appropriate.

(b) The Chairman, being entirely neutral, shall not be a delegate of his Club and if at any time he wishes to express a personal opinion on a matter under discussion he shall vacate the Chair for this purpose.

### **2. SPEAKERS**

(a) On the Chairman standing any speaker shall yield to the Chair and immediately resume his seat.

(b) Any person wishing to speak on any report/resolution/amendment or other matter of business, must use a microphone, announce his name and Club, and address the Chair.

(c) With the exception of the provision for the Chairman in accordance with Clause 1(b) above, a member of Cabinet speaking on any report/resolution/ amendment or other matter of business shall be deemed to be representing his personal views unless he states otherwise.

(d) Unless Convention decides otherwise, only the Chairman, and the mover of a resolution in exercising his right of reply, shall speak more than once on any report/resolution/amendment.

### **3. RESOLUTIONS AND AMENDMENTS**

(a) Resolutions/amendments will be moved by:

(i) Nominees on behalf of Cabinet; or

(ii) A member on behalf of the Club submitting the resolution/amendment.

(b) Resolutions/amendments will be seconded by a member on behalf of a Club other than in Clause 3(a)(ii) above.

(c) Resolutions shall be taken as read without being formally read into the record.

(d) If no member is present from a Club submitting a resolution/amendment then, unless that Club advises the Resolutions Officer in writing before the commencement of the Convention of the names of a mover and seconder each from other separate Clubs, the resolution/amendment shall be withdrawn unless Convention shall otherwise decide. With this one exception no resolution/ amendment may be withdrawn after the Convention Call has been issued and Clubs have been notified of the proposed resolution/amendment, without the consent of Convention.

(e) If a resolution be withdrawn with the consent of Convention and there has been an amendment submitted to that resolution then that amended resolution shall become the substantive resolution.

(f) Each resolution/amendment shall be moved and seconded before consideration by Convention, and not more than one resolution/amendment shall be discussed at any one time.

(g) No person shall move more than one amendment to any resolution nor shall the mover of a resolution move any amendment to such resolution.

(h) Where appropriate, resolutions/amendments will be put for consideration immediately following the adoption of the relevant District Officer's report.

### **4. TIME LIMITS FOR SPEECHES**

(a) The mover of a resolution / amendment will be permitted a maximum of three minutes to put their case, and after doing so shall formally move the resolution / amendment. The seconder will second the resolution / amendment without being called to the rostrum and may exercise the right to speak in debate by catching the Chairman's eye. At the conclusion of the debate and before a vote is taken on a resolution the mover of the resolution only shall have the right of reply for the purpose of answering questions or clarifying points raised, and shall not be allowed more than two minutes for this purpose. They will not be permitted to introduce fresh arguments.

(b) The mover of an amendment shall not be entitled to the right of reply except when an original resolution has been displaced by an amendment which has become a substantive resolution in accordance with Clause 3(e) above when the right of reply ensues to the mover of the amendment.

(c) With the exception of the time limits stated in Clause 4(a) each speaker in general debate will be limited to one minute and must direct their comments directly to the report/resolution/amendment under discussion.

(d) The times specified for speakers may be exceeded only with the approval of Convention.

**5 VOTING**

(a) The Voting on any report/resolution/amendment on general business shall be by a show of Delegate Cards of those present and voting. The Chairman shall declare the result or order a count. If the Chairman's declaration is challenged by 20 (twenty) or more registered delegates, the votes shall be counted.

(b) Any elections of candidates for office shall be by secret written ballot and such elections shall be carried out by the method commonly called the "Single Transferable Vote" or "Preferential Voting" or the "Alternative Vote."

(c) In the event of a tie following a show of hands or secret ballot the Chairman shall cast the deciding vote.

**6. MOTION PROCEED TO NEXT BUSINESS**

Any person, provided he has not already spoken on the matter under discussion, may move at any time that Convention proceeds to next business, and if this proposal be seconded the Chairman shall put the matter to Convention after discussion and the mover of the resolution has been offered the right of reply.

**7. POINT OF ORDER OR QUESTION**

Any person may at any time ask a question or raise a point of order through the Chair but must confine the question or point of order to the subject before Convention.

**8. IMPLEMENTATION OF, AND AMENDMENTS TO, STANDING ORDERS**

(a) These Standing Orders shall take full force and effect following adoption by a duly proposed resolution accepted at Convention by a majority vote of not less than two-thirds of voting registered delegates, or their alternates, as the case may be.

(b) These Standing Orders can only be amended by a duly proposed resolution adopted at Convention by a majority vote of not less than two-thirds of voting registered delegates, or their alternates, as the case may be.

**NOTES ATTACHING TO, BUT NOT FORMING PART OF, DISTRICT 105D CONVENTION STANDING ORDERS**

District 105D Constitution (incorporating all accepted amendments through March 2016) includes, inter alia, the following provisions relating to District Conventions:

**1. CHAIRMAN**

The Governor should preside at all sessions of the Convention. In his absence the First Vice-Governor should preside, failing this the Second Vice-Governor should preside, failing this the Immediate Past Governor should preside. In the event of the non-availability of any of the foregoing persons the most recent Past Governor available will preside.

**2 EMERGENCY RESOLUTIONS AND AMENDMENTS**

(a) The Governor shall have power to accept an emergency resolution or amendment at Convention if, in his opinion, such resolution or amendment could not have reasonably been submitted in writing to the officer appointed on or before the date stipulated.

(b) Such emergency resolution or amendment shall only be presented for consideration with the approval of Convention.

**3. QUORUM**

- (a) The attendance in person of a majority of the delegates registered at a convention shall constitute a quorum at any session of the convention.
- (b) If no quorum is present the session shall be adjourned to a time and place to be appointed by the Governor.

**4. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

Convention may suspend all or part of Standing Orders by a majority decision of registered voting delegates present who exercise their right to vote, at any time during the business of Convention.

**5. CONVENTION BUSINESS.**

The district governor shall arrange the order of business for the district convention and may during Convention, have discretion to change the order of business to effect the efficient transaction of business, save that, the timing of any vote shall not be brought forward.

**6 RULES OF PROCEDURE.**

Except as otherwise provided in the Lions Clubs International Constitution and By-Laws, the District 105D Constitution and By-Laws, national custom and practice or these rules, Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern all questions of order and procedure.

**7 CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

- (a) The credentials committee shall be composed of the district governor, as chairperson, the cabinet secretary/treasurer and two other non-officers of the district appointed by the district governor; provided, however, the district governor may designate any other committee member as chairperson. The credentials committee's primary responsibility shall be to verify club delegate credentials. In carrying out this responsibility, the credentials committee shall have the powers and shall perform the duties as established by national custom and practice or as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.
- (b) The registration and certification of delegates shall occur on the day of the District Convention.
- (c) The number of certified delegates shall be announced to the convention upon close of certification and prior to the commencing of voting.

**8 NOMINATIONS**

- (a) 60 days prior to the convening of the convention, the district governor, unless otherwise provided, shall appoint, and designate the chairperson of, a nominations committee consisting of three (3) members. It shall be the committee's responsibility to review the qualifications of each nominated candidate within thirty (30) days prior to the election and rule on the eligibility of the same.
- (b) Candidate may withdraw from the contest at any time prior to the issuance of the final report of the nominations committee.
- (c) Nominations for the offices of district governor, first and second vice district governor and such other offices to be filled by the convention shall be limited to nominating/ seconding speeches not exceeding a total of 5 minutes for each nominee.

**9 REPLACEMENT OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES.****Section 1**

(a) To replace a delegate and/or alternate delegate already certified, the replacement must provide a certificate signed by two officers of the club, certifying that the replacement is eligible as an alternate delegate.

(b) On the day of voting, a duly certified alternate delegate shall be allowed to obtain a ballot and vote in lieu of a duly certified delegate from the same Lions club by presenting his/her copy of his/her alternate credential certificate together with the copy of the certified delegate's credential certificate to the voting personnel at which time the voting personnel will make the necessary notation on the credential records marking that a substitution has been made on the respective club's delegate entitlement. Alternate delegates who were not certified cannot replace a certified or uncertified delegate.

**Section 2**

(a) Prior to the convention, the district governor shall appoint, and designate the chairperson of an elections committee consisting of three (3) members. Each duly nominated candidate shall also be entitled to designate one (1) observer through his/her club. The observers may oversee election procedures only, but may not participate directly in the committee's decision making.

(b) The elections committee shall be responsible for preparation of elections materials, vote tabulation, and resolving questions concerning the validity of individual ballots. The committee's decision shall be final and binding.

(c) The elections committee shall prepare a comprehensive report of the election results containing the following components: date, time and place of election; specific voting results by candidate; signature of each committee member and observer. The district governor, council chairperson and all candidates shall be provided a copy of the committee's report.

**10. Voting.**

(a) Voting will take place at a predetermined location and time.

(b) To secure a ballot card, the delegate shall present his/her credential certificate to voting personnel for verification. Once verified, the delegate shall be issued a ballot.

(c) The voter shall indicate his/her vote by placing a mark in the appropriate location by the name of the candidate of his/her choice. The mark must be placed in the proper location to constitute a valid vote. Any ballot containing votes for more than the specified number of offices to be filled in any section shall be declared invalid to that particular section.

(d) A majority vote shall be necessary to elect the district governor, first vice district governor and second vice district governor. A majority is defined as a number more than one-half of the total valid votes cast excluding blanks and abstentions. If a majority vote is not received in the election of district governor, first vice district governor and second vice district governor, a vacancy shall occur and Article IX, Section 6(d) of the International By-Laws shall apply.

**END**

## **LIONS CODE OF ETHICS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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