

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, USA
JULY 1-5, 2009

AUDIT COMMITTEE

1. Approved a minor modification to Board Policy regarding Internal Audit, which allows the Audit Committee to review and approve the budget and staffing necessary to perform the internal audits. Additionally, provides for minor changes in reporting of internal audit reviews.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

1. Upheld the district governor, and first and second vice district governor election complaints filed in District 301-A1 (Philippines) and declared Vice District Governor John Tan as the district governor, declared Lion Jimmy Tiu as the first vice district governor and declared Lion Edward Tan as the second vice district governor of District 301-A1 for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.
2. Denied the first vice district governor election complaint filed in District 323-D2 (India) and declared Lion Raj Muchhal as the first vice district governor of District 323-D2 for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.
3. Denied the second vice district governor election complaint filed in District 4-C3 (United States) and declared Lion Cathy Hudson as the second vice district governor of District 4-C3 for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.
4. Denied the second vice district governor election complaint filed in District 322-C2 (India) and declared Lion Mahesh Chandra Jethliya as the second vice district governor of District 322-C2 for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.
5. Denied the second vice district governor election complaint filed in District 324-A3 (India) and declared Lion P. Kalyanakumar as the second vice district governor of District 324-A3 for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.
6. Adopted resolutions required for filing a “branch office” application and for seeking necessary approvals of the Reserve Bank of India for the operations of the association’s Mumbai, India office.
7. Approved a housekeeping revision to Chapter XV, Exhibit C of the Board Policy Manual.

DISTRICT AND CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE

1. Canceled the charters of 10 Lions clubs with regret.
2. Recognized Armenia as a provisional zone.
3. Revised the roles and responsibilities of the Second Vice District Governor to include the review of the monthly district recap report to further support club retention.
4. Revised the District Governor Excellence Award criteria for the 2008-2009 and effective immediately to require that at least 90% of the Lions clubs in the district be in good standing with Lions Clubs International, multiple district, and district at the end of the fiscal year and that at least 90% of the Lions clubs in good standing in the district submit to International Headquarters the required reports by the specified due dates.
5. Revised the District Governor Excellence Award criteria for the 2009-2010 fiscal year require at least one vice district governor qualify for the First or Second Vice District Governor Award before it can be awarded to the District Governor.
6. Expanded the Excellence Awards to include new awards for the first and second vice district governors to recognize their dedicated effort and teamwork.

FINANCE AND HEADQUARTERS OPERATION COMMITTEE

1. Modified the Investment Policy Statements for the General Fund and Emergency Reserve Fund to reflect changes in the minimum and maximum ranges within the asset allocation. Modified the respective benchmarks and composite benchmarks based on advice from the association's investment consultant.
2. Approved the 2008-2009 4th Quarter Forecast, reflecting a deficit.
3. Approved the revised budget for 2009-2010, reflecting a surplus.
4. Modified board policy regarding annual budget review.
5. Approved transferring oversight of retirement plans to the Finance and Headquarters Operation Committee from the Administrative Committee.
6. Approved modification to Board Policy regarding Same Modes of Transportation by providing that no more than two executive officers and two administrative officers shall travel on the same flight.
7. Approved minor clarification to board policy regarding past international president's travel.
8. Approved US\$1,816,000 for 2010-2011 October/November and March/April board meetings.

LCIF

1. Approved a new Investment Policy Statement for the foundation.
2. Authorized the incoming International President and LCIF Chairperson to re-appoint members to the LCIF Governance Steering Committee.
3. Authorized the incoming International President and LCIF Chairperson appoint committee members to the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Lions Quest U.S. Steering Committee.
4. Renewed the contract with Service Learning Life Skills Network for Fiscal Year 2009-10.
5. Approved 55 Standard, International Assistance and Core 4 grants totaling US\$2,302,920.
6. Tabled one application.
7. Approved a US\$100,000 supplementary Major Catastrophe grant to support the construction of additional housing in the wake the August 2008 flooding in Bihar State, India.
8. Extended Core 4 funding priority status for the Lions Quest program until June 30, 2012.
9. Determined that no new Core 4 Preschool Vision Screening Program (PVSP) applications will be considered. Decided that existing Core 4 PVSP programs may, through June 2010, apply for screening technology upgrade funds so long as the application meets the criteria of the Core 4 PVSP program.
10. Approved a US\$50,000 Core 4 board-directed grant be awarded to the American Foundation for the Blind to support the development of an online library and website dedicated to Helen Keller.
11. Inserted new language in the LCIF Operations and Policy Manual regarding the proper review and filing of tax Form 990.
12. Established the office of LCIF Assistant Secretary, as a non-voting Trustee position, and appointed the LCI Executive Director to fill this position. Updated the LCIF chapter of the Board Policy Manual as appropriate.

LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

1. Approved proposed 2009-2010 District Governors-Elect Seminar group leaders and Single District Orientation instructor.
2. Approved Lenscape Studios to provide video production services for the first DVD to be distributed to vice district governors/district governors-elect as part of the 2009-2010 Vice District Governor/District Governor-Elect Training Program.
3. Approved the following topic areas for inclusion in Vice District Governor/District Governor-Elect Training Program curriculum including the District Governors-Elect Seminar, beginning with 2009-2010:
 - Goal setting
 - Team Management
 - Communication Skills
 - Managerial/Administrative Skills
 - LCI Resources
4. Approved funding in an amount not to exceed US\$4,215 to support an innovative approach to training club officers in District 104-F (Norway).
5. Approved discontinuation of the Single and Single Provisional District Club Officers Orientation Funding Support Program, beginning 2009-2010.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. Reauthorized the Africa Lions Steering Committee for 2009-10 with the committee appointments to be approved by the LCI Executive Committee at their August 2009 meeting. Also approved expanding this steering committee to include one more representative from French-speaking Africa and an International Director from Africa should one be elected in 2009-10.
2. Authorized formation of a Lions Exploratory Steering Committee for Cuba with the committee appointments to be made by the LCI Executive Committee at their August 2009 meeting.
3. Approved the appointment process for the expanded China Affairs Coordination Committee and confirmed that the committee appointments will be made annually by the LCI Executive Committee at their August meeting.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. Updated board policy by differentiating between the student membership and Leo to Lion dues provisions.
2. Revised board policy to define how company names can be used in naming a Lions Club.
3. Redefined the definition of what constitutes a community when opening Club Branches.
4. Amended the policy covering the automatic dropping of branch members from a parent club when the branch becomes a newly chartered club.
5. Amended the policy to require that Lions Clubs International be notified by the parent club secretary and District Governor that a club branch was dissolved and not chartered as a new club.
6. Denied the protest from the Lions Club of Girgaon concerning new clubs in District 323 A1.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

1. Amended Multiple District PR Grant rules to require checks cashed within 60 days of receipt and a preliminary status report be filed within 90 days (even if program is not yet completed).
2. Changed “The Lion Magazine” to “Lion Magazine” in the Board Policy Manual.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

1. Confirmed alliance between Lions Clubs International and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.
2. Named 2008-2009 Leo of the Year Award recipients.
3. Updated the association’s adopted service categories and revised the list of activities. Enhancements include the addition of “Disaster Preparedness and Relief”; and “Lions Services for Children” as two new adopted service categories. Combined existing adopted health service categories into one service category “Health and Wellness” with subheadings: Diabetes Awareness and Action; Hearing Preservation, Awareness and Action; and Sight Preservation, Awareness and Action. In addition, to add uniformity to the service programs’ list, removed text redundant with the Lions Green Team Program and text not pertinent to service activities.
4. Renamed the Lions Emergency/Non-Emergency Database “Lion-2-Lion: Resource Assistance Database.”
5. Revised board policy regarding diabetes screening to reflect that Lions should adhere to healthcare laws and regulations that are in effect for their jurisdiction when conducting healthcare screenings.
6. Revised board policy to reflect that Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers be given the option to collect a reasonable, nominal handling fee from non-Lions groups only, in exchange for recycled eyeglasses, or new product. Also, clarified that eyeglasses shall be dispensed free of charge to recipients.
7. Added a provision to board policy to state that the three-year term of the district and multiple district Leo club chairperson is subject to the approval of the subsequent district governors and council of governors and the council chairperson’s signature, respectively.
8. Deleted non-applicable nomination criteria with respect to the Leo-Lion Advisory Panel.
9. Revised a portion of board policy to reflect the board’s approval of a refreshed Leo logo at the October 2008 board meeting.

For more information on any of the above resolutions, please refer to the LCI website at www.lionsclubs.org or contact the International Office at 630-571-5466.
