

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
VIENNA, AUSTRIA
MARCH 18-21, 2008

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

1. Adopted resolution to be reported to the 2008 International Convention to amend Article II, Section 1 of the International By-Laws to clarify the definition of districts as “(single, sub- and multiple)” and ensure consistency in the International By-Laws.
2. Adopted resolution to be reported to the 2008 International Convention to amend several provisions in Articles II, III and VI of the International By-Laws to establish the offices of first and second vice district governor.
3. Approved minor housekeeping changes to the Board Policy Manual.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

1. Established the individual room cancellation deadline for the 2009 Minneapolis Convention.
2. Determined the registration fees for the 2009 Minneapolis Convention.
3. Approved the proposed Schedule of Official Events for the 2009 Minneapolis Convention.
4. Selected Hamburg, Germany as the location for the 2013 International Convention.

DISTRICT AND CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE

1. Approved charter cancellation of 80 clubs (493 members) with regret.
2. Changed the status of Macedonia (FYROM) to provisional district.
3. Established a step toward possible cooperation between the Lions of northern and southern parts of Cyprus.
4. Appointed the 2008-2009 governors in provisional districts.
5. Appointed coordinating Lions to serve in the area of Eastern Europe.
6. Approved the Eastern Europe Project Plan.
7. Revised the Coordinating Lion Program rules in the Board Policy Manual.
8. Approved discontinuation of Rebuilding Lion Program.
9. Deleted the word “transitional” from the definition of an affiliate member.
10. Proposed a constitutional amendment to establish the offices of first and second vice district governor.

FINANCE AND HEADQUARTERS OPERATION COMMITTEE

1. Approved a revised investment policy for the General Fund.
2. Approved the 3rd quarter forecast, which projects a surplus.
3. Approved the opening of a temporary bank account for the Bangkok convention.
4. Approved a spending cap on board meetings beginning in fiscal year 2010-2011.
5. Approved an increase in mileage reimbursement to US\$0.30 per mile (US\$0.19 per kilometer) beginning in fiscal year 2008-2009.
6. Approved change to Chapter II of the Board Policy Manual regarding the Audit Committee.
7. Approved minor housekeeping changes to Chapter XI of the Board Policy Manual.

LCIF

1. Approved a request to open a bank account at J.P. Morgan Chase and authorized signatories.
2. Approved the LCIF Development Plan to expand LCIF fundraising functions, and directed staff to take the necessary steps to begin implementation, in collaboration with Community Counseling Services (CCS).
3. Approved a proposal from CCS totaling US\$305,000 with objectives to implement the development plan by establishing the role of Chief Development Officer and conduct a case development study.
4. Awarded the Humanitarian Award for 2008 to Professor Muhammed Yunus.
5. Revised the SightFirst Approval Policy, which provides a guideline that authorizes the funding of SightFirst grant programs on a fiscal year basis.
6. Approved US\$240,000 in contracts with Service Learning Life Skills Network for consulting services in the Lions Quest program for fifteen months.
7. Established a Lions Quest symposium grant fund in the amount of US\$25,000 on a pilot basis.
8. Approved a US\$50,000 Core 4 Board-directed grant for a pilot project for hearing care services in The Philippines.
9. Approved 72 Standard, International Assistance and Core 4 grants totaling US\$2,778,793.
10. Tabled 14 grant applications.
11. Denied one grant application.
12. Approved authorized signatories on the LCIF accounts at Bank of America.
13. Changed LCIF registered agents to CT, A Wolters Kluwer Company.

LEADERSHIP

1. Established initial participant allocations for the 2008-2009 Senior Lions Leadership for Lions representing the USA and Canada to ensure equitable participation throughout the area.
2. Established initial participant allocations for the 2008-2009 Senior Lions Leadership for Lions representing India, South Asia, Africa and the Middle East to ensure equitable participation throughout the area.
3. Established initial participant allocations for the 2008-2009 Senior Lions Leadership for Lions representing the Orient and Southeast Asia to ensure equitable participation throughout the area.
4. Revised policy to allow the chairperson of the District Governors-Elect Seminar to participate in either the one-year-out or two-year-out site inspection to the location of the seminar that will occur during the chairperson's term.
5. Revised the Board Policy Manual to reflect the current rest day policy related to travel in excess of ten hours for District Governors-Elect Seminar faculty.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. Approved the Global Membership Team initiative from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2011 to be funded at US\$360,000 for its initial year.
2. Amended the deadline date for new club applications to provide that completed charter applications received by the International Headquarters at Oak Brook, Illinois, USA, on or before the close of business on June 20th and approved before the close of the fiscal year, will be processed for the current fiscal year.

For recording purposes, completed new club applications received by the International Headquarters at Oak Brook, Illinois, USA, on or before the close of business on June 20 will be credited to that current fiscal year's annual records, with corresponding extension awards also credited to the eligible club, district and international officers in office that year.

3. Expanded the scope and focus of the Women Membership Development and Participation Chairperson to include family membership initiatives and changed the title to the Family and Women Membership Development Chairperson.
4. Increased the maximum grant amount allocated for a Family Symposium to US\$2,000, allowing the allocation of a maximum of two grants for each constitutional area through March of each year, at which time unallocated grants may be reallocated to constitutional areas that have received the maximum grants allowed for their area.
5. Amended the Family Membership Program and Family Dues Provision in the Board Policy Manual to require that new clubs chartered under the family membership program must have a minimum of ten (10) full paying members.
6. Amended the Student Member Program and Student Dues Provision in the Board Policy Manual to require students of new campus clubs, or clubs with a majority of student members, to prepay one year international dues at the Student Member Rate at the time of charter.

7. Revised the Board Policy Manual to ensure the formation of quality new clubs by requiring a district that charters ten or more new clubs in a fiscal year must provide verification that the new clubs will be supported for long-term growth and is required to 1) submit a detailed plan outlining the support that the new clubs will receive; 2) provide payment of one-half the annual International dues when the charter applications are submitted; 3) have the charter applications certified by both the district governor and the vice district governor.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

1. Increased the Ambassador of Goodwill Medal by five for Lions year 2008-09, and increase the Presidential Award Medal by 150 for Lions year 2008-09, specifically for use with CSFII.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

1. Effective fiscal year 2008-2009, approved an online certificate of recognition which will be activated at the end of each fiscal year for Lions club secretaries that submit the Monthly/Yearly Activity Report.
2. Approved two related-but distinct tracks for the Leo Club Program: one for Alpha Leos (age range 12-age of majority) and one for Omega Leos (age of majority to an age deemed appropriate by the Lions multiple district).
3. Named the Top Ten Youth Exchange Chairpersons for 2006-2007.
4. Approved a Memorandum of Understanding to be adopted as a cooperative agreement between Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers and Lions Clubs International, effective immediately.
5. Approved the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center Compliance Report Form and the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center Action Plan for Compliance Form, effective immediately.
6. Adopted the Lions Services for Children Worldwide Symposium Program effective fiscal year 2008-2009.
7. Approved the formation of a resource group at the start of fiscal year 2008-2009 to identify best practices, guidelines and promotional materials for medical and humanitarian aid missions.
8. Approved the Lions Alert Banner Patch Award for clubs, districts and multiple districts that submit an emergency preparedness plan to Lions Clubs International.
9. Approved the extension of the district and multiple district Leo club chairperson term from one year to three years, assuming continuing fulfillment of responsibilities.
10. Approved the Strides Lions Walk for Diabetes Awareness Banner Patch Award for clubs, districts and multiple districts that organize a Strides Walk.
11. Adopted change in the Board Policy Manual that youth exchange applications *must* be endorsed by the district and multiple district youth camp and exchange chairperson(s), where applicable. In areas where there is not an appointed youth camp and exchange chairperson, the district governor or council chairperson shall sign. In undistricted areas or where youth camps and exchange are not organized at the district or multiple district level, the signature of the Lions club president will suffice.

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12. Adopted change in the Board Policy Manual that youth camp applications *must* be endorsed by the district and multiple district youth camp and exchange chairperson(s), where applicable. In areas where there is not an appointed youth camp and exchange chairperson, the district governor or council chairperson shall sign. In undistricted areas or where youth camps and exchange are not organized at the district or multiple district level, the signature of the Lions club president will suffice.
13. Approved changes in the Board Policy Manual to include adopted standard operating guidelines for Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers.

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

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