# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Prague, Czech Republic April 13-16, 2015

1. Singapore, Singapore was selected as the site for the 2020 International Convention.

## **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

1. Approved the engagement of Crowe Horwath LLP for the external audit and tax services of The International Association of Lions Clubs and Lions Clubs International Foundation, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015 through June 30, 2017.

# **CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE**

- 1. Reviewed ongoing disputes and litigation in District 321-A3 (India) and established a three (3) year moratorium on district governor, first vice district governor and second vice district governor elections beginning with elections for 2015-2016 fiscal year officers.
- 2. Removed District 301-A1 (Philippines) as a district. Clubs within the former District 301-A1 will be provided the opportunity to transfer to other districts within the Manila area of Multiple District 301.
- 3. Revise Chapter III, Paragraph A.2.b.(2) and Paragraph B.4. to replace the phrase "twenty (20)" with the phrase "ten (10)".
- 4. Adopted a resolution to change the title of Chapter XV, Paragraph J, of the Board Policy Manual to "Dispute Resolution Procedures."
- 5. Revised the Standard Form District Constitution and By-Laws to establish standardized and mandatory district constitution and by-law provisions for election procedures effective July 1, 2016.
- 6. Effective July 1, 2016, revised the Board Policy Manual to adopt mandatory provisions of the Standard Form District Constitution and By-Laws.
- 7. Revised Chapter XV, Paragraph J.4., of the Board Policy Manual to establish a new District Governor Suspension Procedure.
- 8. Adopted a resolution to be reported to the 2015 International Convention to amend the International By-Laws to permit payment of dues up to 15 days prior to the close of credentials at district (single, sub- and multiple) conventions effective July 1, 2016.
- 9. Adopted a resolution to be reported to the 2015 International Convention to amend the International By-Laws to revise redistricting procedures.

#### DISTRICT AND CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE

- 1. Changed the deadline date for the 2015-2016 Excellence Awards from September 30 to August 31.
- 2. Appointed Past District Governor Robert Fassouliadjian to serve as Coordinating Lion for the Republic of Armenia effective immediately through the 2015-2016 fiscal year.
- 3. Appointed recommended Lions from provisional districts to serve as district governors for the 2015-2016 fiscal year and Past District Governor Robert Talley to fill the vacancy of district governor-elect and to serve as district governor for District 30-S (Mississippi) through the 2015-2016 fiscal year.
- 4. Revised the District Governor Expense Reimbursement Policy for 2015-2016 to simplify the process and to give more flexibility to the use of funds.
- 5. Revised the policy regarding Publications and Information Available to Certified Candidates for the Offices of Second Vice President and International Director to allow data to be shared in an electronic format.
- 6. Changed the name of the "Club Excellence Process" to "Club Quality Initiative" (for English version) to alleviate confusion between the program and the Club Excellence Awards.
- 7. Revised the policy regarding the Priority Club Status to include new, cancelled and status quo clubs, and changed the name to "Priority Club Designation."
- 8. Revised the Redistricting Policy to ensure effective communication and club support of redistricting proposals that are reviewed by the International Board of Directors.
- 9. Requested that a Constitutional Amendment be drafted that would allow a multiple district to approve a redistricting proposal (without the approval of affected full subdistricts) during the multiple district convention when the proposal consolidates one or more sub-districts of which one or more sub-districts has fewer than 35 clubs and 1,250 members.

#### FINANCE AND HEADQUARTERS OPERATION COMMITTEE

- 1. Approved the FY 2015 3rd Quarter Forecast, reflecting a deficit.
- 2. Approved a revised Retirement Income Plan Investment Policy Statement.
- 3. Approved that the exchange rate for the Lions of Venezuela to pay for new clubs and new member fees be 6.30 VEF per USD through June 1, 2015, and then transition to the SICAD 1 rate published on a monthly basis. Additionally the board approved the exchange rate for the Lions of Venezuela to pay for dues at 6.30 VEF per USD through June 1, 2015, and then transition to the SICAD 1 rate published on a monthly basis.
- 4. Approved crediting clubs in sub-districts O-1 and O-3 in Argentina the 35 percent tax imposed on credit card usage in Argentina when used to pay club dues and fees through March 31, 2016.
- 5. Determined that the international president may authorize Lions serving on special committees attending the board meeting fly business class when total flying time for

- round trip travel exceeds 10 hours, not including time on the ground for connecting flights. All travel expenses must be within the budgets allowed for board meetings.
- 6. Approved a housekeeping revision to Chapter IX and Chapter XXII deleting an outdated chart regarding the claim submission dates.
- 7. Approved adding Jason Cobb, Manager Financial Reporting and Analysis, and Christine Hastings, LCIF Manager Financial Planning & Analysis, as signers on all association bank accounts.
- 8. Determined that the Finance and Headquarters Operation Committee must approve a bank account in any country, unless the association currently maintains a bank account in that country or the account is temporary to support the operations at the international convention.

#### **LCIF**

- 1. Approved the report of the LCIF Finance Committee.
- 2. Approved the plan for a revised LCIF governance structure, and will review policy changes at the June meeting, noting with thanks the contributions of the LCIF Governance Ad Hoc Committee.
- 3. Approved a grant in the amount of US\$450,000 to fund a low vision research award in collaboration with Research to Prevent Blindness, with funding from the foundation's designated sight account.
- 4. Approved a grant in the amount of US\$47,376 for a Lions Quest project in collaboration with the NoVo Foundation, with funding from the foundation's designated youth account.
- 5. Increased the humanitarian grants budget for the current fiscal year by US\$2 million.
- 6. Approved 102 Standard, International Assistance and Core 4 grants totaling US\$5,173,980.
- 7. Tabled one grant.
- 8. Approved a grant in the amount of US\$73,581 for a joint sanitation project with the Sujana Charitable Trust.
- 9. Approved a grant in the amount of US\$25,000 for a Lions Quest project with the Sujana Charitable Trust, with funding from the foundation's designated youth account.
- 10. Approved a pilot block grant in the amount of US\$200,000 for KidSight USA programs, with funding from the foundation's designated sight account.
- 11. Nominated three individuals for the 2015 Humanitarian Award, with the final selection to be determined by the international president.
- 12. Closed the foundation's designated humanitarian needs account, due to its redundancy, and approved that funds available be used to fund future disbursements for measles grants.
- 13. Amended the LCIF Operations and Policy Manual to reflect: a) housekeeping updates necessitated by a title change, b) an addition to the standard grant criteria, c) changes made to the International Assistance Grant approval process in order to streamline it, d) the inclusion of a description of the grant controls process, e) revisions to the Lions

Quest awards and recognition, f) housekeeping updates to the Statement of Investment Policy related to investment manager performance measurement benchmarks, and g) revisions to the Forms of Recognition to include new programs for club recognition and major donors.

14. Amended the Board Policy Manual to reflect housekeeping updates necessitated by a) a title change and b) previous omission of a word.

## **LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE**

- 1. Approved a 2015-2016 Faculty Development Institute for qualified Lions of Constitutional Areas I and II.
- 2. Approved a 2015-2016 Emerging Lions Leadership Institute for qualified Lions of Constitutional Area VI.
- 3. Approved curriculum and funding support for a 2015-2016 Emerging Lions Leadership Institute for qualified Lions of Africa.
- 4. Increased the participant registration fee for Faculty Development Institutes to US\$150; increased the participant registration fee for Advanced Lions Leadership Institutes and Emerging Lions Leadership Institutes to US\$125. Both adjustments will take effect at the start of 2015-2016.

## MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- 1. Approved a processing fee of US\$100 to be assessed to club charter applications not approved by LCI, effective July 1, 2015.
- 2. Approved the advance payment of US\$30 for adding any additional charter members effective July 1, 2015.

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

- 1. Made name badges featuring the centennial logo available for purchase through Club Supplies.
- 2. Authorized the addition of 100 medals each of the Leadership Award and Presidential Award for Lions Year 2015-2016.
- 3. Made various changes to Chapter XXI of the Board Policy Manual to reflect current practices.

#### **SERVICE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**

1. Selected the Top Ten Youth Camp and Exchange Chairperson Awards for 2013-2014.

For more information on any of the above resolutions, please refer to the LCI website at <a href="https://www.lionsclubs.org">www.lionsclubs.org</a> or contact the International Office at 630-571-5466.