

**LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
WISCONSIN DISTRICT 27-DI
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

ARTICLE 1

Section 1 NAME

The organization shall be known as Wisconsin District 27-DI of the International Association of Lions Clubs. (Hereinafter referred to as "DISTRICT".)

ARTICLE 2

Section I OBJECTIVES, DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE DISTRICT

- A. To help advance, throughout the district, the Objects and the Code of Ethics set forth by Lions Clubs International.
- B. To assist and provide proper and orderly administration of Lionism throughout the District.
- C. To establish and coordinate District-wide Lions projects, and give support to State-wide Lions projects.
- D. To provide greater strength in carrying out the ideals and principles of Lionism.
- E. To better coordinate and direct effective Leadership at all levels of Lionism in the District.

ARTICLE 3

Section I MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the District shall consist of all Lions Clubs in the District as duly chartered by Lions Clubs International, provided the Club is in good standing.

ARTICLE 4

Section I DISTRICT COMPOSITION

District 27-DI includes Dane, Rock, Columbia, Green, LaFayette, Iowa and Grant counties.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1

Section I DISTRICT CONVENTION

These events shall be held on the first Saturday following the 2nd Friday in March each year, with the exception, that if that weekend results in a calendar conflict, the convention will be held on the first Saturday following the first Friday for that year.

ARTICLE 2

Section I AMMENDING THE DISTRICT CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

The District Constitution and By-Laws may be amended only at the District Convention by Resolution duly submitted in writing to the District Cabinet at least 90 days prior to the date of the District Convention. Adoption of the change or changes to the Constitution requires a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the registered delegates present and voting. Adoption of the change or changes to the By-Laws require a simple majority of the registered delegates present and voting.

Section II VOTING BY SECRET BALLOT

Voting on any amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws shall be by secret ballot.

Section III DISTRICT SPORTING EVENTS

- A. Beginning with Lionistic year 2002-2003, the annual District sporting events such as Bowling, Golf and Softball Tournament sites shall be determined on a competitive basis by delegate vote at the preceding District Convention.
- B. Clubs interested in hosting any of the afore mentioned events should submit their interest, in writing, to the District Governor by January 1st immediately preceding the District Convention. In the event there is no interest shown by any club for a particular event, the District Governor may solicit a site.

ARTICLE 3

Section I ELECTION OF DISTRICT GOVERNOR and VICE-DISTRICT GOVERNORS

- A. Any Lion member in the District may be nominated by their Club for the office of District Governor, First Vice-District Governor and/or 2nd Vice-District Governor provided he/she meets the qualifications set forth in the Lions Clubs International Constitution and By-Laws.
- B. All nominations by Clubs must be filed with the District Governor by January 1st immediately preceding the District Convention.
- C. Speeches at the District Convention on behalf of the candidates shall be limited to one nominating speech of not more than three (3) minutes and one seconding speech of not more than two (2) minutes for each candidate and two (2) minutes for acceptance speech per candidate.
- D. In the event there is more than one candidate for an office, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes cast by the certified delegates shall be declared the winner. In case of a tie vote, the District Governor shall meet with the candidates and determine the winner by a flip of a coin.
- E. Voting for the District Governor and Vice-District Governor shall be by secret ballot at the District Convention.

ARTICLE 4

Section I CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTOR, WISCONSIN LIONS FOUNDATION

- A. Any Lion member in the District may be nominated by their Club for the office of Director, Wisconsin Lions Foundation, provided that they meet the following qualifications:
 - i. Be an active member in good standing of a chartered Club in good standing in this District.
 - ii. Shall have served as President or Secretary of a Lions Club for a full term or major portion thereof, or shall have served as a member of the Club's Board of Directors for no less than three (3) years, or
 - iii. Shall have served as Zone Chairperson, Region Chairperson, or Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer for a full term or major portion thereof.
 - iv. Shall have the support of the majority of members of their Club. As evidence thereof, the Secretary of their Club shall submit with the Club's written nomination, a certified copy of the resolution adopted by the Club to the District Governor.
- B. All nominations by Clubs must be filed with the District Governor January 1st immediately preceding the District Convention.
- C. Speeches at the District Convention on behalf of candidates for director shall be limited to one nominating speech of not more than three (3) minutes and one seconding speech of not more than two (2) minutes for each candidate and two (2) minutes for each acceptance speech.
- D. In the event there is more than one candidate for the office of Director, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes cast shall be the Director. In case of tie vote, the tied candidates shall be summoned by the District Governor. At that time, the District Governor shall toss a coin, allowing it to fall to the floor, and the tied candidates shall choose heads or tails. The winner of the toss is the winner of the election.
- E. Voting for Wisconsin Lions Foundation Directors will be by secret ballot at the District Convention.

ARTICLE 5

Section I DISTRICT PROJECTS

- A. The District Cabinet shall authorize and encourage participation in such projects as District Convention, District Bowling Tournament, District Golf Tournament and District Softball Tournament.
- B. All other Projects or functions of a District-wide nature that are not now in existence, shall be presented to the district Cabinet for review, consideration, and/or approval.

This document incorporates the modifications as approved by the delegates to the District Conference on March 2, 1991, March 18, 1995, March 13, 1999, March 9, 2003, March 11, 2005, March 14, 2009, March 10, 2012, January 13, 2013 and March 15, 2014.