

**CONSTITUTION  
AND  
BYLAWS**



**DISTRICT 12-S**

Multiple District 12

State of Tennessee

International Association  
of Lions Clubs

Adopted: March 5, 1988

Amended: February 17, 2001

## CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

### DISTRICT 12-S, TENNESSEE LIONS INTERNATIONAL

#### ARTICLE I

##### Name

**Section 1. Name:** This organization shall be known as District 12-S of Multiple District 12, Tennessee, Lions Clubs International, hereinafter referred to as "District 12-S" or "District".

#### ARTICLE II

##### Objects

**Section 1. Objects:** To provide the Lion of District 12-S with an efficient organization, headed by its duly elected and officially installed District Governor, for the express purpose of advancing Lionism and providing proper and uniform administration throughout District 12-S. The Constitution and Bylaws of Multiple District 12 shall be the principal document providing the rules and regulations satisfying these objects. This Constitution and Bylaws shall supplement the Multiple District 12 Constitution and Bylaws as required to address additional rules and regulations of District 12-S.

#### ARTICLE III

##### Membership

**Section 1. Membership:** The members of this organization shall be all Lions Clubs in District 12-S chartered by Lions Clubs International and in good standing.

**Section 2. Good Standing Criteria:** For a club to be in good standing, it must meet the following criteria as set forth in the International Board Policy Manual:

- a) It is not on "Status Quo."
- b) It is operating in accordance with the provisions of the International, Multiple District 12, and District 12-S Constitution and By-Laws and with International Board Policy.
- c) It has paid in full current International and District 12-S dues.
- d) It has no unpaid balance with International of more than \$50, which is ninety (90) days past due.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### District Cabinet

**Section 1. Cabinet Composition:** There shall be a District Governor's Cabinet

composed of the District Governor as its presiding officer, the **1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>** Vice District Governors, the Immediate Past District Governor, the Region Chairpersons, if the position is utilized during the District Governor's term, the Zone Chairpersons, the Cabinet Secretary, the Cabinet Treasurer, or Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer if said offices are held by the same person, and the District Governor's Honorary Committee and all Past District Governors. The Honorary Committee consists of past International officers.

**Section 2. Voting:** Each member of the District Governor's Cabinet, with the exception of Past District Governors (unless they serve in another voting cabinet position), shall have the right to vote at all District Cabinet Meetings.

**Section 3. Quorum:** A majority of the voting members of the District Governor's Cabinet shall constitute a quorum.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **District Administrative Fund**

**Section 1. District Administrative Fund per Capita Dues:** To provide revenue to defray the administrative expenses of the District, an annual per capita District Administrative Fund dues of \$17.00 (includes funds for the District Newsletter) shall be levied upon each Lion member in the District in two semi-annual payments as follows: \$8.50 per member billed on September 10<sup>th</sup> of each year to cover the semi-annual period of July 1 to December 31 and \$8.50 per member billed on March 10<sup>th</sup> to cover the semi-annual period of January 1 to June 30. Billing will be based on Lions Clubs International roster as of August 1 and February 1, respectively.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **District Newsletter**

**Section 1. Authorization:** Inasmuch as it is vital to the growth and to the efficient functioning of District 12-S to provide complete, clear, timely and pertinent information to each Lion of the District, a District Newsletter shall be authorized for regular publication and distribution to each Lion of District 12-S.

**Section 2. District Newsletter Fund per Capita Dues:** To provide for the funds for the publication and distribution of the Newsletter, an annual per capita District Newsletter Fund dues shall be levied upon each member in the District in two semi-annual payments as follows: one-half of the annual dues per member on September 10<sup>th</sup> of each year to cover the semi-annual period of July 1 to December 31 and one-half on March 10<sup>th</sup> to cover the semi-annual period of January 1 to June 30.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **Adoption**

**Section 1. Adoption:** This Constitution and Bylaws shall become in full force and effect when it has been adopted by a majority affirmative vote of the delegates present in person, certified and voting at the District Convention of District 12-S.

## **ARTICLE VIII Conflicts and Conformity**

**Section 1. Conflicts:** Should any portion of this Constitution and Bylaws be in conflict with the International or Multiple District 12, Tennessee, Constitution and Bylaws, then the provisions of the International or Multiple District 12 Constitution and By- Laws shall prevail.

**Section 2. Conformity:** In the event that the Constitution and Bylaws of the International Association of Lions Clubs or Multiple District 12, Tennessee, shall be amended, deleted or otherwise changed in such a manner as to render any part of this Constitution and Bylaws in derogation thereof, such changes shall not render this Constitution and Bylaws inoperable until the next ensuing District Convention of District 12-S, and shall not render it inoperable until proper opportunity is presented under the provisions of this Constitution and Bylaws to correct such affected Articles and Sections.

## **ARTICLE IX Amendments**

**Section 1. Vote Requirements:** This Constitution and Bylaws may be amended only at the District Convention by resolution reported by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and adopted by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3rds) of the delegates present in person, certified and voting.

**Section 2. Procedure for Proposing Amendments:** Any proposed amendment shall originate in writing from one of the following:

- a) A District 12-S Lions Club in good standing
- b) District Governor
- c) District Governor's Cabinet
- d) Constitution and Bylaws Committee

Any proposed amendment shall first be presented to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee by December 1 preceding the District Convention at which the amendment is to be presented. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall put the proposed

amendment into proper form without changing the expressed intent of the originator, regardless of whether or not the said Committee supports the intent of the proposed amendment. The Cabinet Secretary shall give to each Club in the District a written notice of proposed amendments, and a copy thereof, at least thirty (30) days in advance of the District Convention. No amendment shall be reported or voted upon unless such notification has been given.

**Section 3. Altering Amendments:** Any proposed amendment to this Constitution and Bylaws may be amended from the floor of the District Convention, provided such amendment is relevant to the proposed amendment.