

Resolution #1

Lions of Illinois, Inc.

RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE LIONS OF ILLINOIS CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS CONSTITUTION – ARTICLE IX, STATE REVENUE, Section 1

Subject: *This proposed amendment would enable certain regularly recurring bills to be paid electronically, instead of by check.*

WHEREAS, the Lions of Illinois, Inc. maintains bank accounts whereupon funds are drawn from via written checks to pay its bills; and,

WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 1 of the Lions of Illinois Constitution requires two signatures, that of the State Secretary-Treasurer and countersigned by one other member of the Executive Committee, preferably the Council Chairperson for each check written; and,

WHEREAS, oftentimes a delay may occur, because of distance or personal schedules, that does not make it possible for the two required signatures to be obtained in a timely manner; and,

WHEREAS, this delay may, at times, cause for certain payments to vendors to be received late, and subsequently have late fees applied; and,

WHEREAS, electronic payments of certain regularly occurring bills can be paid through electronic means, thereby not requiring two signatures to be obtained for writing checks, saving time and payment of any potential late fees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the last paragraph of Article IX, STATE REVENUE, Section 1 of the Lions of Illinois Constitution shown below, be amended, effective at the close of the 2012 State Convention, by adding the sentence in bold:

“The aforesaid funds shall be expended only for such items of the foregoing as are approved by the State Council of Governors and by checks drawn and signed by the State Secretary-Treasurer and countersigned by one other member of the Executive Committee, preferably the Council Chairperson.” **The Council may elect to have payments for utilities, to governmental agencies, and other similar recurring expenditures made electronically through an approved banking facility, excluding credit card bills.**

Resolution #2

Lions of Illinois, Inc.

RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE LIONS OF ILLINOIS CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS CONSTITUTION – ARTICLE IX, STATE REVENUE, Section 6

Subject: *This proposed amendment shall require for an outside accounting firm to perform quarterly reporting to the Council of Governors.*

WHEREAS, the Lions of Illinois, Inc. has only one employee to oversee all of its financial transactions; and,

WHEREAS, the loss of this one employee at any given time could jeopardize the timely reporting and reconciliation of financial records; and,

WHEREAS, the use of an outside accounting firm to perform such duties would not only maintain a regular and accurate reporting routine, but also help assure thorough internal control measures are in place;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Article IX, STATE REVENUE, Section 6 of the Lions of Illinois Constitution, be amended, effective at the close of the 2012 State Convention, by adding the sentence shown in bold:

“Section 6. The State Council of Governors shall provide for an audit of the annual financial statements to be performed annually by certified public accountants licensed in the State of Illinois.” **All regulatory reports shall also be performed by a third party accounting firm, and reported to the Council of Governors.**

Resolution #3

Lions of Illinois, Inc.

RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE LIONS OF ILLINOIS CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS BY LAWS – ARTICLE III, STANDING COMMITTEES

Subject: *This proposed amendment would update Sections 1, 6 and 7 of the above mentioned Article, to reflect current practice being conducted with reference to appointments of multiple district chairpersons, the make-up of the Membership Committee, and the removal of multiple-district and sub-district chairpersons.*

WHEREAS, the Lions of Illinois, Inc. By Laws, Article III, Section 1 states that the Council of Governors will appoint the Chairperson of Standing Committees, other than the Long Range Planning Committee; and, ,

WHEREAS, occasionally, LCI appoints multiple district chairpersons to specific committees; and,

WHEREAS, the Lions of Illinois, Inc. By Laws should not conflict with LCI policies and procedures; and,

WHEREAS, the Lions of Illinois, Inc. By Laws, Article III, Section 6 states that the Membership Committee in each sub-district will be composed of two members, a membership chair and an extension chair, when current practice has many sub-districts having separate committees for these areas and LCI now includes extension under the auspices of the sub-district GMT title; and,

WHEREAS, the Lions of Illinois, Inc. By Laws, Article III, Section 7 displays language pertaining to the removal of only the multiple district Membership Chairperson under a three year appointment and any sub-district committee chairperson under a multi-year appointment, when in fact, any multiple or sub-district chairperson can be removed for just causes at any time by the Council of Governors or District Governor, respectively;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Article III, STANDING COMMITTEES, Sections 1, 6 and 7 of the Lions of Illinois By Laws, be amended, effective at the close of the 2012 State Convention, by making the changes shown below in bold and strikethrough:

Section 1. The State Council shall establish such Standing Committees as shall be deemed necessary to properly administer the affairs of Lionism within the State which are not at that time being administered by the Lions of Illinois Foundation. Such Standing Committees may include Constitution and By-Laws, Membership Development, Finance, International Convention, State Redistricting, State Magazine, Diabetes Education and Research, Drug Awareness, Leadership Development, Leo Clubs and Youth Activities, Lioness, Lions Clubs International Foundation, Long Range Planning Committee and Campaign and Liaison. Each such Standing Committee, except Campaign and Liaison **and** Long Range Planning ~~Committee~~

~~and Membership Development~~, shall be composed of one member from each District appointed by the District Governor of the District, and each member shall have one vote in committee deliberations. ~~The State Council shall appoint the Chairperson of each Standing Committee, except the Long Range Planning Committee, who is not required to be a District Appointee, but who shall have no vote in committee deliberations unless he/she is the only member of the committee from his/her District.~~ **Unless otherwise appointed by LCI,** ~~t~~The Chairperson of each Standing committee shall be appointed annually by the State Council, with the exception of the Chairperson of the Long Range Planning Committee, who will be the Immediate Past Council Chairperson., ~~and the Chairperson of the Membership Development Committee, who shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years, effective on July 1 following the year in which he/she is appointed.~~ Members of each Standing Committee shall be appointed annually, except as is hereinafter provided for the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, the Campaign and Liaison Committee, the Long Range Planning Committee and the Membership Development Committee. Committee Chairpersons shall report regularly to the State Council as required. Any policy procedure to be adopted by a Standing Committee shall first be submitted to the State Council for its approval, and the budget of each Standing Committee which adopts a budget shall be subject to approval by the State Council. With the exception of the Long Range Planning Committee, in order to be eligible for appointment as Chairperson of a Standing Committee, the appointee shall have served as a District Chairperson of that Committee for at least one (1) year. However, in the event that no application is received for a State Chairperson position, or the Council is not in favor of any applications received for a particular committee, the Council may waive the one year eligibility requirement and appoint a Lion to fill the position.

Section 6. The Membership Development Committee shall be composed of ~~two~~ **one** members from each district, ~~with one member being designated as Membership Chairperson and one member being designated as Extension Chairperson,~~ appointed by the District Governor of the District, for a three (3) year term. ~~and each member shall have one vote in committee deliberations.~~

Members from Districts 1-A, 1-CS, 1-F and 1-J will be appointed in 1989 for a three (3) year term and appointments will be made from these districts for three (3) year terms thereafter.

Members from Districts 1-B, 1-D, 1-G and 1-K will be appointed in 1989 for a two (2) year term and appointments will be made from these districts for three (3) year terms thereafter.

Members from Districts 1-CN, 1-E, 1-H and 1-L will be appointed in 1989 for a one (1) year term and appointments will be made from these districts for three (3) year terms thereafter.

Members from possible newly created Districts shall be alternately appointed as above.

Section 7 9. (re-numbered)

The Chairperson of **any Standing Committee** ~~the Membership Development Committee, who is appointed by the State Council for a term of three (3) years,~~ may be removed **at any time** by any ~~subsequent~~ State Council for good cause shown, in which event a successor shall be appointed by the State Council for the remainder of the term of office. Any member of a Standing Committee, ~~appointed by the District Governor for a term which extends beyond his/her term of office,~~ may be removed **at any time** by ~~any subsequent~~ **their respective** District Governor for good cause shown, in which event a successor shall be appointed by the District Governor for the remainder of the term of office.

Section 8 7 (re-numbered)

Section 9 8 (re-numbered)

Resolution #4

Lions of Illinois, Inc.

RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE LIONS OF ILLINOIS CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS CONSTITUTION – ARTICLE IX, STATE REVENUE, Section 1

Subject: *This proposed amendment would reflect a change in the distribution of the state magazine and re-direct a \$1.50 of its \$2.50 per capita fund tax into the Administration Fund.*

WHEREAS, the revenue to produce the Lions of Illinois state magazine comes from the \$2.50 per capita fund tax per each member in the state; and,

WHEREAS, this amount has remained the same for a number of years, while the costs associated with producing and delivering the magazine (printing and mailing) have continued to rise; and,

WHEREAS, during the last fiscal year (2010-2011), the state magazine fund had a net loss of approximately \$4,900, and it is projected that it will incur a loss of approximately \$7,000 this current fiscal year; and,

WHEREAS, these losses have continued, even with a reduction of issues being produced during the year; and,

WHEREAS, majority of the information shared through the magazine is two to three months old; and,

WHEREAS, modern technology now gives us the opportunity to have the magazine posted on the Lions of Illinois web-site, in a much faster time-frame at a much lower cost; and,

WHEREAS, by not having the costs associated with printing and mailing the magazine, the state magazine per capita fund tax could actually be lowered by \$1.50 and still remain a profitable venture; and,

WHEREAS, this \$1.50 could be re-allocated to the Administration Fund, giving a much needed boost to the Administrative Fund of approximately \$24,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 1 of Article IX, STATE REVENUE of the Lions of Illinois Constitution be amended, effective at the close of the 2012 State Convention, by making the changes shown below in bold and strikethrough:

Section 1. Beginning with the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2012, an annual per capita State Administrative, International Convention, Promotional Fund and Magazine Fund Tax of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) shall be levied upon each member of each Club in the State and

shall be paid in advance by each Club in two semi-annual payments as follows: Five Dollars (\$5.00) per member prior to September 10 and Five Dollars (\$5.00) per member prior to March 10 of each year, billing of same to be based upon the roster of each Club as maintained by Lions Clubs International as of the last day of June and the last day of December respectively. This tax shall be collected from the Clubs in each District of the State by the respective Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer/Cabinet Treasurer excepting, however, new and reorganized Clubs shall pay a prorated per capita tax beginning the first day of the second month following the date of its organization. Each Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer/Cabinet Treasurer shall forward payment so collected to the Lions of Illinois State Secretary Treasurer by September 10 and March 10, respectively.

~~Seven~~ ~~Five Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$5.507.00)~~ per capita of said fund shall be used exclusively for defraying State Administrative expenses and also State Convention Administrative expenses.

One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50) per capita of said fund shall be available for use for this State's participation in the International Convention. Expenses of each out-going District Governor in connection with his/her attending the International Convention at or near the conclusion of his/her term of office shall be considered a proper charge against this International Convention Fund and reimbursement for said expenses of such outgoing District Governors out of this fund shall be on the same basis as that allowed District Governors Elect under the Rules of Audit of and by Lions Clubs International.

Fifty Cents (50¢) per capita of said Fund shall be used exclusively for the promotion and election of candidates from Illinois to the International Board of Directors or to the offices of Second Vice-President, First Vice-President and President of Lions Clubs International, provided, however, that the balance to be held in such Fund shall be limited to and maintained at Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000). After this limitation has been reached, this Fifty Cents (\$.50), or the balance thereof after bringing the Fund balance back up to Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000), shall be applied as follows:

- A. 35% thereof shall be allocated to the International Convention Fund, to be used exclusively for out of country outgoing District Governor's convention expenses.
- B. 35% thereof shall be allocated to the Magazine Fund.
- C. 30% thereof shall be allocated to the State Administrative and State Convention Administrative Fund.

Any amount in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) held in the Promotion Fund as of May 21, 1989 shall be allocated and transferred to the foregoing Funds in the percentages indicated above.

~~One Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$2.501.00)~~ per capita of said Fund shall be used exclusively to **design, edit and post,** ~~publish and distribute~~ a magazine to **the state's website** be sent monthly. ~~to each Lions Club member in this state, such funds to be augmented by such revenue as may be derived from the sale of advertising.~~ Two or more issues of the magazine may be combined, should the need arise, at the sole discretion of the State Council.

The aforesaid funds shall be expended only for such items of the foregoing as are approved by the State Council of Governors and by checks drawn and signed by the State Secretary-Treasurer and countersigned by one other member of the Executive Committee, preferably the Council Chairperson.

Resolution #5

Lions of Illinois, Inc.

RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE LIONS OF ILLINOIS CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS CONSTITUTION – ARTICLE IX, STATE REVENUE, Section 1

Subject: *This proposed amendment would create a fifth revenue fund, though temporary, for the sole purpose of hosting the Centennial International Convention in Illinois in 2017. The fund, named the 2017 International Convention MD-1 Host Committee Fund, would be funded by an annual fund tax of \$1.30 per capita for a term of five (5) years.*

WHEREAS, the delegates attending a recent Lions of Illinois State Convention voted to submit a bid to host the Centennial International Convention to be held in 2017; and,

WHEREAS, the Lions of Illinois are proud to have won the bid to host this very prestigious Centennial International Convention over other multiple districts; and,

WHEREAS, the Lions of Illinois will have the opportunity to showcase our great state, the birthplace of Lionism and the Headquarters for Lions Clubs International during this Centennial Convention; and,

WHEREAS, funds will be required by the MD-1 Host Committee for the promotion and administration of the 2017 International Convention; and,

WHEREAS, these funds will need to be additional funds, above and beyond the usual expenses experienced by the Lions of Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, this fund will only exist for the five years preceding the 2017 International Convention and any monies remaining in the fund after all expenses have been honored will be transferred into the Administrative Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 1 of Article IX, STATE REVENUE of the Lions of Illinois Constitution be amended, effective at the close of the 2012 State Convention, by making the changes shown below in bold and strikethrough, with the additional understanding that if Resolution #4 passes, the amount going into the Administrative Fund changes from \$5.50 to \$7.00; and, the second to the last paragraph below, will be replaced with the second to the last paragraph in Resolution #4:

Section 1. Beginning with the fiscal year commencing on July 1, ~~2011~~ **2012, and ending at the end of Lions fiscal year 2016-2017** an annual per capita State Administrative, International Convention, **2017 International Convention MD-1 Host Committee Fund**, Promotional Fund and Magazine Fund Tax of ~~Ten Eleven Dollars and thirty cents (\$10.00~~ **11.30)** shall be levied upon each member of each Club in the State and shall be paid in advance by each Club in two semi-annual payments as follows: Five Dollars and .65 (\$5.65) per member prior to September 10 and Five Dollars and .65 (\$5.65) per member prior to March 10 of each year, billing of same to be based upon the roster of each Club as maintained by Lions Clubs

International as of the last day of June and the last day of December respectively. This tax shall be collected from the Clubs in each District of the State by the respective Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer/Cabinet Treasurer excepting, however, new and reorganized Clubs shall pay a prorated per capita tax beginning the first day of the second month following the date of its organization. Each Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer/Cabinet Treasurer shall forward payment so collected to the Lions of Illinois State Secretary Treasurer by September 10 and March 10, respectively.

Five Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$5.50) per capita of said fund shall be used exclusively for defraying State Administrative expenses and also State Convention Administrative expenses.

One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50) per capita of said fund shall be available for use for this State's participation in the International Convention. Expenses of each out-going District Governor in connection with his/her attending the International Convention at or near the conclusion of his/her term of office shall be considered a proper charge against this International Convention Fund and reimbursement for said expenses of such outgoing District Governors out of this fund shall be on the same basis as that allowed District Governors Elect under the Rules of Audit of and by Lions Clubs International.

\$1.30 per capita of said fund shall be available for use by the MD-1 Host Committee of the 2017 International Convention for promotional and administrative expenses of hosting the 2017 International Convention in Illinois. This 2017 International Convention MD-1 Host Committee Fund, will remain in existence until all final obligations are met, however the \$1.30 per capita will cease on June 30, 2017. Any unallocated funds remaining in the International Convention MD-1 Host Committee Fund will be transferred to the Administrative Fund upon presentation of the final Convention Report and all financial obligations have been met.

Fifty Cents (50¢) per capita of said Fund shall be used exclusively for the promotion and election of candidates from Illinois to the International Board of Directors or to the offices of Second Vice-President, First Vice-President and President of Lions Clubs International, provided, however, that the balance to be held in such Fund shall be limited to and maintained at Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000). After this limitation has been reached, this Fifty Cents (\$.50), or the balance thereof after bringing the Fund balance back up to Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000), shall be applied as follows:

- D. 35% thereof shall be allocated to the International Convention Fund, to be used exclusively for out of country outgoing District Governor's convention expenses.
- E. 35% thereof shall be allocated to the Magazine Fund.
- F. 30% thereof shall be allocated to the State Administrative and State Convention Administrative Fund.

Any amount in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) held in the Promotion Fund as of May 21, 1989 shall be allocated and transferred to the foregoing Funds in the percentages indicated above.

Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$2.50) per capita of said Fund shall be used exclusively to edit, publish and distribute a magazine to be sent monthly to each Lions Club member in this state, such funds to be augmented by such revenue as may be derived from the sale of advertising. Two or more issues of the magazine may be combined, should the need arise, at the sole discretion of the State Council.

The aforesaid funds shall be expended only for such items of the foregoing as are approved by the State Council of Governors and by checks drawn and signed by the State Secretary-Treasurer and countersigned by one other member of the Executive Committee, preferably the Council Chairperson.