## THE PENNSYLVANIA LIONS

## SIGHT CONSERVATION AND EYE RESEARCH FOUNDATION

## PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Foundation shall be the fostering and promotion of Sight Conservation and Eye Research and any other related program which may be adopted from time to time by the Board of Directors of the Foundation and so approved by the Council of Governors or by the Lions of Multiple District 14 at an annual State Convention. For example, the Multiple District 14 Diabetes Program shall be a program within the Pennsylvania Lions Sight Conservation and Eye Research Committee. The Chairperson of the Diabetes Program shall be a member of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Lions Sight Conservation and Eye Research Foundation.

## **GENERAL:**

- 1. Guidelines For The Sight Conservation and Eye Research Foundation:
  - a. The name of this project of Pennsylvania Multiple District 14 Lions of Pennsylvania shall be The Pennsylvania Lions Sight Conservation and Eye Research Foundation, Inc.
  - b. The Foundation shall be governed by a Board of Directors appointed by the Council of Governors, based on the articles of incorporation required for this foundation, and as required by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for a non-profit organization.
  - c. The Board Members must be members in good standing, of a recognized Lions Club of Multiple District 14, with the qualifications fitting them to administer the purposes and objectives of the Foundation.
  - d. A Board member must be interested in Sight Conservation and Eye Research.
  - e. The Board shall be composed of two members from each region of Multiple District 14 as qualified in the language as set forth below (East-Central-West)

In order to have a continuum Board, the terms of the first Directors shall be two Directors for one year, two Directors for two years and two Directors for three years. Thereafter, the Directors appointed shall serve for three years. Board members may be reappointed when their term expires.

- f. In order to best promote the purposes and objectives of the Foundation, the Board of Directors, like the Board of Directors of other non-profit foundations, must be a stable group. A Board member should be replaced when he does not attend Board meetings or take an active part in the work of the Foundation.
- 2. Guidelines For The Diabetes Program Chairperson:

The Diabetes Chairperson shall as much as practical:

- a. Encourage all Districts in Multiple District 14 to participate in the Diabetes Program.
- b. Encourage each sub-district to follow the International Association and Multiple District 14 guidelines in establishing and administering the Diabetes Program.
- c. Supply each District Coordinator or Chairperson with various promotional materials, ideas, available programs and other resources.
- d. Provide definite goals and realistic plans that would be workable to attain those goals.
- e. Provide long-range and short-range plans that will assure continuity of the State Program as members of State Council change on a year-to-year basis.
- f. Form a news network among the members of the Council of Governors and individual Sub-District Coordinators to promote ideas, encourage competition and amplify participation.
- g. Provide a list of Chapters of the American Diabetes Association to each Sub-District Coordinator for his/her use. (Such a list can be obtained from the American Diabetes Association, 2 Park Avenue, New York, NY)
- h. Present a report of the activities of the State Program to the Council of Governors at their quarterly meetings or other meetings when called upon to do so.
- 3. The chairperson of the Foundation shall report at the second and third State Council meetings to the Council of Governors.

The Foundation may request to make a presentation at the first State Council Meeting only if the committee has an action item or if requested to appear by the Council of Governors

The Chairperson shall report an annual overview of the Foundation to the delegates at the General Session of the Multiple District 14 Convention.

- 4. The Foundation is required to supply the Council of Governors and the State Office, written minutes of the quarterly Board of Directors meetings, quarterly financial statements and a copy of the annual audit.
- 5. The Chairperson of the Foundation or another specified officer shall submit an article for publication in the October/November/December edition of The Pride magazine. The article shall contain information about the Foundation's current activities and achievements for the past Lions year.