## THE PENNSYLVANIA LIONS HEARING RESEARCH FOUNDATION

## **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of the Foundation shall be to foster and promote Hearing Conservation and Research and any other programs related to hearing which may be adopted from time to time by the Board of Directors of the Foundation and approved by the Council of Governors or by the Lions of Multiple District 14 at an annual State Convention.

## **GENERAL:**

- 1. The name of the project shall be The Pennsylvania Lions Hearing Research Foundation, Inc.
- 2. 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 required by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for a non-profit organization.
- Each of the appointed Board Members must be a member in good standing of a recognized Lions Club within the Sub-District of the appointing District Governor with the qualifications fitting him to administer the purposes and objectives of the Foundation.
- 4. A Board Member must be interested in hearing conservation and research.
- 5. Appointment of members to the Board of Directors:
  - a. By the first State Council meeting in each fiscal year, the current District Governor of each Sub-District in Multiple District 14 shall appoint Lion member(s) from within his Sub-District Foundation.
  - b. Article I of the By-Laws of the Foundation provide that: "A. The Board of Directors shall consist of two (2) members from each of the sub-districts within Multiple District 14, State of Pennsylvania, The International Association of Lions Clubs. The current District Governors shall appoint one member from each sub-district for a term of three (3) years. The second appointed member from each sub-district, having been appointed District Hearing and Speech Action Chairman by the respective current District Governors, shall serve for a term of one (1) year contiguous with the term of the appointing District Governor. Thereafter the appointments to the Board of Directors of this Foundation shall be in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and the Constitution and By-Laws of the Foundation."
- 6. In order to promote the purposes and objectives of the Foundation, a member of the Board of Directors should be replaced when he does not attend Board of Directors meetings or take an active part in the activities of the Foundation.
- 7. The responsibilities and duties of the State Coordinator for the Foundation are:

- a. To report to State Council on the status of the Foundation on all matters pertinent to the Lions of the State of Pennsylvania.
- b. To be in a position to answer all questions relative to the Foundation as may be asked from time to time by the Council of Governors.
- c. To convey to the Board of Directors of the Foundation the wishes, desires and/or requests of the Council of Governors on all matters pertaining to the Foundation.
- d. To inform the Council of Governors of all necessary appointments to the Board of Directors.
- e. To promote the objects of the Foundation to the Lions of Multiple District 14.
- 8. In order to assure that the State Coordinator is knowledgeable of all aspects of the Foundation, it is recommended that the Council of Governors appoint the current Chairman of the Board of the Foundation to be the State Coordinator for that year.
- 9. 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 before 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.

The Chairperson of the Foundation or another specified officer shall submit an article for publication in the January/February/March edition of The Pride magazine. The article shall contain information about the Foundation activities and achievements for the past Lions year.

10. 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.