

USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Committee is to bring to the foreground the educational and training benefits of the Forum, to encourage the State Lions to take part in Forum activities and maintain close liaison with the District Governors so they are informed on the progress of the Forum during their term of office. In addition, the Committee will gather and disperse information to the District Governors, Vice District Governors and Lions who will be attending the Forum and encourage the Lions to attend seminars at the Forum which will aid them in their Lionistic responsibilities.

GENERAL:

1. The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum is, by policy of the Board of Directors of Lions Clubs International, under the responsibility of the Officers of the International Board elected from the United States and Canada. With approval of the Senior Officer of the Board from the United States and Canada serving during the Forum, committees are appointed to administer all functions of the Forum. It is the purpose of the Forum that every attendee will benefit from the exposure to the seminars and that they in turn can be better trained to serve the Lions and Lions Clubs within their Lions area.
 - a. Annual appointment to the committee will take place at the second State Council Meeting.
 - b. The Committee Chairperson shall report at the second and third State Council Meetings. The committee may have a display table and/or conduct a seminar at the PA State Convention. The Chairperson may submit a written report for the first State Council Meeting and/or address the Council of Governors if the Committee has an action item or if requested to appear before the Council of Governors.
 - c. The Committee Chairperson shall submit an article for publication in the April/ May/June edition of The Pride magazine.
2. The committee is composed of four members. Each member of the committee shall be appointed to serve a four-year term. A new member is appointed each year. The appointments shall rotate Region by Region (West-Central-East), then by District in alphabetical order.
3. All committee members are required to attend 50% of the committee meetings when called by the Chairperson or Council of Governors. A Lion may be excused for a justifiable reason when the Chairperson is notified prior to the meeting.
4. The Chairperson of the committee will be the Lion serving the fourth year on the committee. He shall report to the Council of Governors at the State Council Meetings on information about the USA/Canada Lions Forums. This information should include, but is not limited to:

- a. Location of Forums
 - b. Distribution of promotional materials
 - c. Number of attendees from MD 14
 - d. Encouragement of the District Governors to appoint a District Chairperson and forward the name to the Committee Chairperson.
5. A Lion who is interested in serving on this committee shall:
- a. Have attended past Forums or be willing to attend while serving on the committee.
 - b. Be able to attend State Council Meetings when the committee is meeting.
6. The Chairperson shall be reimbursed by Policy 204, PA General Reimbursement Policy and shall submit a budget to the Finance Committee prior to November 30 for the next Lions year. The Committee Chairperson and Vice Chairperson will be reimbursed for the early registration for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, no matter when the registrations are made. They are also expected to bring back and disseminate information from the Forum that would be useful to all Lions.