

USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM COMMITTEE

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Committee is to coordinate and promote activities and events pertaining to the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum.

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.
2. The MD-14 Committee shall consist of three members serving a three-year term and are selected by region (West, Central, East) on a rotating basis at the 2nd Council of Governors meeting. If the assigned region does not have a candidate, the position will be open to any qualified Lion within MD-14.
 - a. The third-year member of the committee serves as the Chairperson
 - b. The second-year member serves as the Vice Chairperson
 - c. The first-year member serves as the committee secretary and assists the other committee members in their duties and responsibilities
 - d. Members of the MD-14 International Family shall serve as advisors to the committee and notified of all meetings and events.
3. Qualifications
 - a. A Lion serving on the committee shall have attended at least one USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum
 - b. Chairperson shall be able to attend the Forum during their third year
 - c. Chairperson shall be able to attend State Council meetings during their third year.
4. When a Chairperson resigns or refuses to execute the duties of the committee after serving on the committee for two years, the Vice Chairperson shall become the acting Chairperson and the District Governor from the region in which the Lion has resigned may recommend another qualified Lion to serve on the committee. If the non-Chairperson committee member resigns or refuses to execute the duties of the committee, the District Governors of his/her region may recommend another qualified Lion to serve on the committee for the unexpired term. If the District Governors are unable to appoint a qualified Lion, the vacancy will be opened to any qualified Lion within MD-14.

5. Duties include but are not limited to:
 - a. Promote the educational and training opportunities of the Forum
 - b. Notify MD-14 Lions on sites and dates of upcoming and future Forums
 - c. Encourage district Lions to attend and participate in Forum activities
 - d. Notification on sites and dates of upcoming and future Forums
 - e. Encourage district governors to appoint district Forum chairpersons
 - f. Distribution of promotional materials
 - g. Chairperson to attend Forum in their third year and will bring back and disseminate information from the Forum that would be useful to all Lions.
 - h. Report to the Council of Governors at State Council of Governors meetings by written reports or in-person if an action item is required or upon special request by the Council of Governors.
 - i. Assist State Administrator on submission of bids to hold a Forum within MD-14
 - j. Assist State Administrator when holding a Forum in MD-14
 - k. Submit articles for The PRIDE
6. Reimbursement
 - a. The Chairperson shall be reimbursed according to rules of audit to attend and promote an upcoming Forum at State Council of Governors meeting. Whenever possible expenses shall be reduced by utilizing email, teleconferences or virtual means.
 - b. Chairperson will be eligible to receive reimbursement for travel, lodging, per diem and early-bird registration to attend the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum.
 - c. Submit a budget to the Finance Committee prior to November 30 for the next Lions year.