## LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND COORDINATOR

## **PURPOSE:**

The Leader Dogs for the Blind Coordinator shall work in close liaison with the Leader Dogs School for the Blind in Rochester, Michigan; District Leader Dog Chairpersons; State Council of Governors and the visually impaired within the State of Pennsylvania (Multiple District 14).

## **GENERAL**

1. The Coordinator shall serve a three-year term. The appointment may be made from any sub-district in the Multiple District. A Lion interested in serving as coordinator shall submit a written resume and a letter of intent in accordance with policy 401. The coordinator shall be appointed at the last State Council Meeting held in conjunction with State Convention.

The Coordinator shall serve one term and shall not be reappointed. The Coordinator may apply for a new term after he/she has sat out for a three-year period.

- 2. A Lion who wishes to serve as the Coordinator shall:
  - a. Have a general knowledge of the Leader Dogs for the Blind Program
  - b. Have served as a Leader Dogs chairperson in a District
- 3. The Coordinator shall coordinate all activity within the Multiple District relative to securing voluntary contributions for the operation of the Leader Dogs for the Blind School in Rochester, Michigan.
- 4. The Coordinator must be willing to travel through the Multiple District, if requested, to assist any District Leader Dog Chairperson.
  - a. Promote the Leader Dog Program in a district
  - b. Be able to help a blind individual obtain a Leader Dog
  - c. Assist any blind individual who may have difficulty with their dog

Travel expenses incurred will be the obligation of the host district.

- 5. The Coordinator shall report to the Council of Governors at the second Council of Governors Meeting and to the delegates at the State Convention.
  - The Coordinator may submit a written report for the first and third Council Governors Meetings and/or address Council of Governors if the Committee has an action item or if requested to appear by the Council of Governors.
- 6. The Coordinator may have a display table at the State Convention. The display shall only promote Leader Dogs for the Blind School in Rochester, Michigan.

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- 7. The Coordinator of the Leader Dog program shall submit an article for publication in the January/February/March edition of The Pride magazine. The article shall contain information about the Leader Dog activities and achievements for the past Lions year.
- 8. The Coordinator shall submit a written request to Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, Michigan for the amount of contributions made annually by the Lions in Multiple District 14.
- 9. The incoming Leader Dogs Coordinator appointed by the Council of Governors at the May meeting will be invited to visit Leader Dogs School for the Blind. The Leader Dogs School only will pay for the expenses of the Coordinator to visit the school to accompany the First Vice District Governors and the new District Governor (If he/she has not visited the School) on the annual trip to Leader Dogs School, Rochester, Michigan.
- 10. The Coordinator shall submit a budget to the Finance Committee prior to December 31<sup>st</sup> for the next Lions year for reporting to the Council of Governors and to the delegates at the State Convention.

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