

**THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS**

**MULTIPLE DISTRICT 14 (PENNSYLVANIA)**

**CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS**

**AND**

**POLICY MANUAL**

**ORIGINALLY ADOPTED STATE CONVENTION**

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<b>WYOMISSING, PA</b>	<b>MAY 2010</b>
<b>CRANBERRY, PA</b>	<b>MAY 2011</b>
<b>GETTYSBURG, PA</b>	<b>MAY 2012</b>
<b>PITTSBURGH, PA</b>	<b>MAY 2014</b>
<b>LANCASTER, PA</b>	<b>MAY 2015</b>
<b>WYOMISSING, PA</b>	<b>MAY 2016</b>
<b>SEVEN SPRINGS, PA</b>	<b>MAY 2017</b>
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# **CONSTITUTION**

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**PENNSYLVANIA  
MULTIPLE DISTRICT 14  
CONSTITUTION**

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME**

This organization shall be known as Pennsylvania Lions Multiple District 14, hereinafter referred to as “Multiple District”.

**ARTICLE II**

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Multiple District shall be:

- a. To provide an administrative structure with which to advance the Purposes of Lions Clubs International in this Multiple District.
- b. To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world
- c. To promote the principles of good government and good citizenship
- d. To take an active interest in civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community
- e. To unite the members in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding
- f. To provide a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.
- g. To encourage service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.

**ARTICLE III**

**MEMBERSHIP**

The members of this organization shall be all Lions Clubs in this Multiple District chartered by Lions Clubs International.

This Multiple District shall consist of seventeen Sub-Districts, with boundary lines as adopted by a Multiple District Convention and approved by the Board of Directors of

Lions Clubs International. For identification purposes, Multiple District 14 shall be divided into three Regions, hereinafter called Eastern, Central, and Western. Each Region shall consist of the following Sub-Districts, listed alphabetically and by counties:

## EASTERN

- 14-A Bucks, Delaware, Montgomery, Philadelphia
- 14-H Lackawanna, Susquehanna, Wayne Wyoming
- 14-K Lehigh, Northampton
- 14-P Berks, Chester
- 14-U Carbon, Monroe, Pike, Schuylkill
- 14-W Luzerne

## CENTRAL

- 14-C Adams, Cumberland, York
- 14-D Lancaster, Lebanon
- 14-G Bradford, Centre, Clinton, Columbia, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Potter, Snyder, Sullivan, Tioga, Union
- 14-L Belford, Blair, Fulton, Huntingdon, Mifflin
- 14-T Dauphin, Franklin, Juniata, Perry

## WESTERN

- 14-B Allegheny
- 14-E Westmoreland
- 14-F Crawford, Erie, Forest, McKean, Mercer, Venango, Warren
- 14-J Cambria, Cameron, Clearfield, Elk, Indiana, Jefferson
- 14-M Fayette, Greene, Somerset, Washington
- 14-N Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Clarion, Lawrence

## ARTICLE IV

### EMBLEM, COLORS, SLOGAN AND MOTTO

#### **Section 1. EMBLEM**

The emblem of this association and each chartered club shall be of a design as follows:



#### **Section 2. USE OF THE NAME AND EMBLEM**

Use of the name, goodwill, emblem and other logos of the association shall be according to the guidelines established from time to time in the by-laws.

#### **Section 3. COLORS**

The colors of this association and of each chartered club shall be purple and gold.

#### **Section 4. SLOGAN**

Its slogan shall be: Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nation's Safety.

#### **Section 5. MOTTO**     Its Motto shall be: We Serve.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **SUPREMACY**

The Multiple District 14 Constitution and By-Laws shall govern the Multiple District unless otherwise amended so as not to conflict with the International Constitution and By-Laws and policies of Lions Clubs International. Whenever there may exist a conflict or a contradiction between provisions set out in the Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws and the International Constitution and By-Laws, then the International Constitution and By-Laws shall govern.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **STATE COUNCIL AND OFFICERS**

#### **Section 1. OFFICERS**

The Officers of this Multiple District shall be members of the Multiple District Council of Governors, sometimes hereinafter referred to as "State Council".

#### **Section 2. COMPENSATION**

No officer shall receive any compensation or any service reward to this Multiple District in any official capacity with the exception of the State Administrator or employees who shall be set by the State Council.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **STATE COUNCIL**

#### **Section 1. COMPOSITION**

There shall be a State Council composed of all of the District Governors in the Multiple District and the Chairperson of State Council (who shall be a Past District Governor), who are the voting members. The State Council Chairperson shall be selected on a rotation basis by District commencing with the year 1990-91, who for that year shall be from sub-district 14-A, and for the year 1991-92 shall be from the sub-district 14-B, and shall continue in alphabetical order to maintain the principle of rotation consistent herewith.

#### **Section 2. OFFICERS**

The officers of the Multiple District shall be the State Council Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Council of Governors (who constitute the executive officers), State Administrator (who shall be the administrative officer) and such other officers as may be designated by the Council of Governors.

**Section 3.      **PROTOCOL CHAIRPERSON****

The Council shall appoint annually a Protocol Chairperson for the Multiple District 14. The duties of this position shall be as provided in the By-Laws.

**Section 4.      **COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON****

The Chairperson of the State Council shall be the Immediate Past District Governor who had served in the capacity of Vice-Chairperson during the preceding year, who for the year 2020-2021 shall be from Sub-District P. The Council Chairperson shall serve a one-year term only and cannot serve in that capacity again.

In the event, either before or after becoming the Chairperson, if unable or refuses to serve, or having accepted, resigns or dies, then the District Governor of that sub-district shall appoint a Past District Governor who is a resident in and a member in good standing of a Lions Club in that sub-district to serve out the term of office. If no Past District Governor from the sub-district is willing to serve, then the sitting Council of Governors will appoint a Past District Governor from the two preceding State Councils who is a resident in and a member in good standing of a Lions Club in Pennsylvania to serve the remaining term of office. The normal Council Chairperson rotation will resume when the replacement Council Chairperson's term of office is completed.

**Section 5.      **COUNCIL VICE CHAIRPERSON****

The Vice Council Chairperson of the State Council shall be a District Governor, who for the year 2020-2021 shall be the one elected in sub-district 14-T and thereafter the Office of Vice Chairperson shall rotate annually among the District Governors in alphabetical order according to sub-districts.

**Section 6.      **MEETINGS****

The State Council-elect shall hold a preliminary Meeting immediately following the close of the annual State Convention for organizational purposes and shall hold a regular meeting within sixty (60) days after the date on which the District Governors officially take office, and such other meetings as it deems advisable. The Council Chairperson or the State Administrator at the Chairperson's direction shall issue a written call for each meeting of the Council, with the time and place thereof to be set out in the call and to be determined by the Chairperson. The Council shall determine the date of any meeting save the first, which will be set by the Chairperson.

**Section 7.      **POWERS OF COUNCIL****

Except where inconsistent with and contrary to the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation and Constitution and By-Laws the International Association of Lions Clubs, the powers granted therein to the Board of Directors of said Association, and the policies, and acts of said Board of Directors, the Multiple District Council shall:

- a. Have jurisdiction and control over all officers and agents, when acting as such, of the Council of Governors and all committees of the Multiple District and Multiple District Convention.
- b. Have management and control over the property, business, and funds of the Multiple District
- c. Have jurisdiction, control, and supervision over all phases of the Multiple District Convention, Multiple District Council Meetings and all other meetings of the Multiple District
- d. Have original jurisdiction, when authorized under policy of said International Board and under rules of procedure prescribed by said Board, to hear and rule upon any complaint of a Constitutional nature raised by any Sub-District, any Lions Club or any member of a Lions Club in the Multiple District. All such rulings of the Council shall be subject to review and decision by said International Board.
- e. Have control and management of all budgetary matters of the Multiple District and Multiple District Convention. No obligation may be approved or made which shall effect an unbalanced budget or deficit in any fiscal year.
- f. A Special Convention of the club of the Multiple District may be called by a two-thirds vote of the Council of Governors at such time and place as they shall determine: provided that such Special Convention shall conclude no less than 15 days prior to the convening of the International Convention. Written notice of the Special Convention setting forth the time, place and purpose thereof, shall be provided to each club in the Multiple District by the State Administrator, no less than 30 days prior to the convening date of the Special Convention.
- g. The Council of Governors may transact business by mail (including letters, electronic mail, facsimile transmission, or cable), provided that no such action shall be effective until approved in writing by two-thirds (2/3) of the entire number of the members of the Council of Governors. The Council Chairperson or a majority of members of said Council may initiate such action.

**Section 8. QUORUM**

The personal presence of a majority of the Council shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

**ARTICLE VIII**

**STATE CONVENTION**

**Section 1. TIME AND PLACE**

An annual convention of this Multiple District shall be held in each year prior to the International Convention either a place selected by a previous annual convention of the Multiple District or as determined by State Council upon recommendation of the State Administrator as provided in Article I, Section 1 of the By-Laws and at a date and time fixed by Council.



**Section 2. OFFICERS**

The members of the Council shall be the Officers of the Annual Multiple District Convention.

**Section 3. SUB-DISTRICT**

A convention of each Sub-District in the Multiple District shall be held, annually, in conjunction with the Multiple District Convention, or a such other date, time, and place prior thereto as determined by the Sub-District Cabinet. A meeting of the registered delegates of a Sub-District in attendance at a Multiple District Convention may constitute the annual convention of said Sub-District.

**Section 4. CLUB DELEGATE FORMULA**

Each chartered club in good standing in Lions Clubs International, and its district, and this Multiple District shall be entitled in each convention of this Multiple District to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten (10) members or a major fraction thereof, who have been enrolled for a least one year and a day in said club, as shown by the records of the international office on the first day of the month last preceding that month during which the convention is held. A discounted member is anyone who pays discounted dues, such as a discounted family member, Leo-Lion member, student member, or young adult members. Discounted members have all of the same rights as an active member paying full dues, but do not count towards their club's delegate entitlement for District, multiple district, or international conventions. The major fraction referred to in this section shall be five (5) or more members. Each certified delegate present in person shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote only for each office to be filled by, and one (1) vote only on each question submitted to, the respective convention. Unless otherwise specified herein, the affirmative vote of a majority of the delegates voting on any one question shall be the act of the convention. Delinquent dues may be paid and good standing acquired up to fifteen (15) days prior to the close of credential certification, as such closing time shall be established by the rules of the respective convention. All delegates must be members in good standing of a club that is in good standing in this Multiple District.

Each Past District Governor in a Lions Club in good standing of this Multiple District shall be entitle to full delegate privileges at each State Convention and each convention of the sub-district of which he/she is a club member.

No such Past District Governor shall be included in the delegate quota of his/her club for any such convention.

**Section 5. REGISTRATION FEE**

Such registration fee as the Council shall set may be collected, under procedures set by the Council, from each delegate, alternate, and guest attending the Multiple District Convention and all such persons may attend or participate in any session, proceeding or activity only after registering and paying such fee.

**Section 6. QUORUM**

A majority of the delegates in<sup>9</sup> attendance at any session of a sub-district or multiple district convention shall constitute quorum.

**Section 7. REPORT**

Within sixty (60) days after the close of the Multiple District Convention, an official report thereof shall be mailed to Lions International and when requested, to each club in the Multiple District by the Council, or, at its direction, by the State Administrator.

**ARTICLE IX**

**AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1. AMENDING PROCEDURE**

The Constitution may be amended only the Multiple District Convention by amendment reported by the committee on Constitution and By-Laws at such annual meeting and adopted by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the certified delegates voting at such meeting. No amendment shall be reported to a convention for a vote unless it shall first secure approval in one of the following two (2) methods:

- a. Have been approved by the Council of Governors, or
- b. Have been approved by Resolutions of the Convention of a sub-district representing no less than two-thirds (2/3) of the total number of members of the clubs of the sub-district as of July 1 of the fiscal year in which the amendment is submitted to the Council of Governors for ballot placement.

**Section 2. AUTOMATIC UPDATE**

When amendments to the International Constitution and By-Laws are passed at the International Convention, any amendments that would have an effect on this Multiple District shall automatically be updated in the Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws at the close of the convention.

**Section 3. NOTICE**

No amendment shall be so reported or voted upon unless the same shall have been published in writing by regular post or electronic means to each club no less than thirty (30) days prior to the convening date of the annual convention with notice that the same will be voted upon at said convention.

**Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE**

Each amendment, adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the votes cast, shall take effect at the close of the convention at which adopted, unless otherwise specified in the amendment.