

THE PAST PRESIDENT'S CLUB OF DISTRICT 33-S

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS : EFFECTIVE 7/1/78

ARTICLE I - NAME, SLOGAN, MOTTO

Section A. This organization shall be known as "The Past President's Club of District 33-S".

Section B. Its slogan shall be "The Past Builds The Future of Lionism".

Section C. Its motto shall be "Continued Service".

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

- A. The main purpose of this organization is to continue the bonds of fellowship and generally promote the Past Presidents of the Lions Clubs in District 33-S.
- B. To continue promoting the image of Lionism and maintaining the principles of ethics and objectives as established by Lions International.
- C. To provide coordinating services for any humanitarian project which would be deemed necessary to help the Lions Clubs or the District in the furtherance of the goals of Lionism.
- D. To promote friendly, non-partisan inter-club relationships.
- E. To aid and assist Lions Clubs in our District whenever they look to us for help or guidance, provided it meets with our guidelines and does not interfere with the goals of the District Governor.
- F. To provide a forum for full and free discussion in all Lions matters of interest.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section A. Subject to the provisions in the following Section C, membership in this club shall be granted to any Lion who desires to become a member, and submits a proper written application to the Board of Directors, providing he/she has successfully served as President of any Lions Club recognized by Lions International, and is currently a member in good standing of a Lions Club in District 33-S. The prospective member will be invited to join, and will be inducted at the next regular meeting, provided all fees and dues are paid before such meeting.

Section B. Each year, an invitation to join shall be extended in writing to the immediate outgoing President of each Lions Club in District 33-S. This notice shall be sent no later than 30 days after the close of the lionistic year.

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Section C. Membership shall be as follows:

ACTIVE MEMBER: A member entitled to all rights and privileges and subject to all obligations which membership in this club implies or confers. Such rights shall include eligibility to seek any office of this club, and vote on all matters requiring a vote of the membership.

Section D.

REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP: Any member dropped from the club, with the exception of Article V, Section C, may be reinstated within 3 months, providing all indebtedness or other provisions required by the Board of Directors are met and approved by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV - FEES AND DUES

Section A. Each new member of this organization shall pay a \$5.00 initiation fee, and annual membership dues of \$5.00 per year.

ARTICLE V - RESIGNATION AND FORFEITURE OF MEMBERSHIP

Section A. Any member may resign from the club and said resignation shall become effective upon acceptance by the Board of Directors. The Board may withhold acceptance until all indebtedness, funds, and property have been paid for or returned.

Section B. Forfeiture of membership shall be automatic for any member who does not pay his/her dues or other debts to this club, or who is not in good standing with his/her respective Lions Club. Notice of such forfeiture shall be sent to the member, in writing, by the Secretary.

Section C. Any member may be expelled from the club, for just cause, at any regular meeting of this club by the affirmative vote of 2/3 of the members present and voting, provided the Board of Directors has previously approved this action.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

Section A. The officers of this club shall be the President, 1st Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Tail-Twister, 10 Directors, and the Immediate Past President.

Section B. The President shall appoint committees he deems necessary to successfully complete the club objectives and purposes.

Section C. No officer shall receive any compensation for any service rendered to this club in his official capacity.

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ARTICLE VII - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Section A. The Board of Directors shall be the officers of this club.
- Section B. The presence, in person, of a majority of it's members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting, and the act of a majority of these members present shall be the act and decision of the entire board.
- Section C. It shall authorize all expenditures and shall not create any indebtedness beyond the current income. If monies should be raised outside the regular meetings, such as special projects or events, or monies raised from the public or Lions outside this organization, said funds shall not be used for any type of administrative purpose. Said funds shall be placed in an account approved by the Board of Directors, to be disbursed only by a vote of the Board of Directors.
- Section D. It shall have the books, accounts, and operations of this club audited annually, or at it's discretion more frequently, and may require an accounting or have an audit performed of the handling of any club funds by any officer, committee, or member of this club.
- Section E. It shall approve a bank or banks for the depositing of the funds of this club, and authorize the President and the Secretary-Treasurer to sign checks and withdrawals with either either signature required.
- Section F. Removal: Unauthorized absenteeism is a legitimate reason for prompt removal from the Board of Directors only. Removal to be by affirmative vote of 2/3 of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII - ELECTIONS AND VACANCIES

The officers of this club, excluding the Immediate Past President, shall be elected as follows:

- Section A. The President shall appoint, at the winter meeting, a 5-member nominating committee, taken from various parts of the district, which will submit in writing to all members of the club, the names of the candidates for the various offices of the club, at least one week prior to the election meeting. No nominations of officers may be made from the floor at the election meeting. The name of any candidate should be submitted to the nominating committee no later than 30 days prior to the election meeting.
- Section B. The election meeting shall be the August general meeting, and at least one week prior written notice thereof shall be given to each member of this club by the secretary. Such notice shall also include the names of all nominees submitted by the nominating committee.

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- Section C. All officers shall be elected for a period of 1 year, with the exception of the Directors, of which one half (5) will be elected annually for a two-year period.
- Section D. The election shall be by a show of hands of those members present and qualified to vote. A plurality vote shall be necessary to elect. All officers shall be elected annually and take office upon completion of the vote at the August general meeting, to hold office for one year from that date, or until successors shall have been elected, qualified, or appointed. (The foregoing subject to Sections C and E of this Article VIII.)
- Section E. REMOVAL: Any officer may be removed from office for good cause, by a 2/3 vote of the entire membership, not subject to Article VII, Section E.
- Section F. VACANCIES: If the office of President shall become vacant for any reason, the 1st Vice-President shall advance in office. All other vacancies, for whatever reason, shall be filled for the un-expired term by a majority vote of the officers present at the next Board of Directors meeting.

ARTICLE IX - MEETINGS

- Section A. Regular meetings of this club shall be held no less than 3 times per year, the time and place to be recommended by the President and approved by the Board of Directors. Additional meetings may be called by the President, as necessary.
- Section B. Except as otherwise specified, the act of a majority of the members present at any meeting shall be the act and decision of the entire club.
- Section C. The fiscal year of this organization shall be from July 1 to June 30 of each year.

ARTICLE X - PARLIAMENTARY PRACTICES

Except as otherwise specifically provided for in this Constitution and By-Laws, all questions of Order or Procedure with respect to any meeting or action of this club, its Board of Directors, or any committee appointed hereunder, shall be determined in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, as revised from time to time.

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS

This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of this club, providing one week written notice is provided to all members, and by affirmative vote of 2/3 of the members present and voting, providing the Board of Directors has previously considered the merits of the amendments.

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BY-LAWS

- #1 : This club shall not endorse or recommend any candidate for Lions or public office, nor shall partisan politics or sectarian religion be debated by members in meetings of the club.
- #2: The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

(As revised by vote of the membership on August 18, 2007)