

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

Of the

SOUTH MILWAUKEE LIONS CLUB

(Chartered October 11, 1937)

(Incorporated February 18, 1954)

This revision dated May 14, 2025

ARTICLE I

NAME, SLOGAN & MOTTO

Section A. As provided in the Club's Articles of Incorporation the name of this organization shall be the SOUTH MILWAUKEE LION'S CLUB, INC. (hereinafter referred to as the Club), chartered by and under the jurisdiction of Lions Club International (LCI)

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

Section C. Its motto shall be: WE SERVE.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSES AND OBJECTS

The objects of the Club are:

Section A. To create and foster a spirit of Understanding among the people of the world.

Section B. To promote the principles of good government and good citizenship.

Section C. To take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.

Section D. To unite the members in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.

Section E. To provide a forum for the discussion of all matters of public interest, provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by Club members.

Section F. 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.

ARTILE III
MEMBERSHIP

SECTION A. Candidates

Section 1. **ELIGIBILITY FOR CLUB MEMBERSHIP.** Subject to the provisions of Article I of the by-laws, any person of legal majority and good moral character and good reputation in their community, may be granted membership in this Lions club.

Section 2. **MEMBERSHIP BY INVITATION.** Membership in this Lions club shall be acquired by invitation only. Nominations shall be made by a member in good standing who shall act as sponsor, and be submitted to the membership chairperson or the club secretary, who, after investigation by the membership committee, shall submit the same to the board of directors. If approved by a majority of said board, the prospect may then be invited to become a member of this club. A properly filled out membership form duly signed, as well as, the entrance fee and dues must be received by the secretary before the member is reported to and officially recognized by the association as a Lion member.

Section 3. **FORFEITURE OF MEMBERSHIP.** Any member may be expelled from the club for cause by a two-thirds vote of the entire board of directors. Upon removal from this club, any and all right to use the name "LIONS," the emblem and other insignia of this club and this association shall be forfeited. This club shall remove members whose conduct has been deemed a violation of the International Constitution and By-Laws and Board Policy and unbecoming a Lion by the International Office or otherwise face charter cancellation. Any elected officer must be removed from office as provided in Article 6, Section B of this constitution prior to forfeiture of membership under this section.

SECTION B. Membership Categories

- (a) **ACTIVE:** A member entitled to all rights and privileges and subject to all obligations which membership in a Lions club confers or implies. Without limiting such rights and obligations, such rights shall include eligibility to seek, if otherwise qualified, any office in this club, district or association and the right to vote on all matters requiring a vote of the membership; and such obligations shall include regular attendance, prompt payment of dues, participation in club activities and conduct reflecting a favorable image of this Lions club in the community. As provided in the Family Membership Program criteria, qualifying family members shall be Active Members and be entitled to all rights and privileges thereof. As provided in the Student Member Program criteria, qualifying student, former Leo and young adult members shall be Active Members and be entitled to all rights and privileges thereof. This membership category shall be included in the club delegate formula calculation.

- (b) **MEMBER-AT-LARGE:** A member of this club who has moved from the community, or because of health or other legitimate reason, is unable regularly to attend club meetings and desires to retain membership in this club, and upon whom the board of directors of this club desires to confer this status. This status shall be reviewed each six months by the board of directors of this club. A Member-at-Large shall not be eligible to hold office or to vote in district or international meetings or conventions, but shall pay such dues as the local club may charge, which dues shall include district and international dues. This membership category shall be included in the club delegate formula calculation.

- (c) **HONORARY:** An individual, not a member of this Lions club, having performed outstanding service for the community or this Lions club, upon whom this club desires to confer special distinction. This club shall pay entrance fees and international and district dues on such a member, who may attend meetings, but shall not be entitled to any privileges of active membership. This membership category shall not be included in the club delegate formula calculation.
- (d) **PRIVILEGED:** A member of this club who has been a Lion fifteen or more years, who, because of illness, infirmities, advanced age or other legitimate reason, as determined by the board of directors of this club, must relinquish their active status. A Privileged Member shall pay such dues as the local club may charge, which dues shall include district and international dues. They shall have the right to vote and be entitled to all other privileges of membership except the right to hold club, district or international office. This membership category shall be included in the club delegate formula calculation.
- (e) **LIFE MEMBER:** Any member of this club who has maintained Active membership as a Lion for 20 or more years and has rendered outstanding service to this club, their community, or this association; or any member who is critically ill; or any member of this club who has maintained such active membership for 15 or more years and is at least 70 years of age may be granted Life Membership in this club upon:
- (1) recommendation of this club to the association,
 - (2) payment to the association of the current life membership fee in US Dollars, or its equivalent in the respective national currency, by this club in lieu of all future dues to the association.

A Life Member shall have all privileges of active membership so long as they fulfill all obligations thereof. A Life Member who desires to relocate and receives an invitation to join another Lions club shall automatically become a Life Member of said club. Nothing herein shall prevent this club from charging a Life Member such dues as it shall deem proper. Former Lioness members, who are now Active members of their Lions clubs or who become Active members of a Lions club on or before June 30, 2007, may apply all of their prior Lioness service toward Life membership eligibility. Lioness members who become Active members of a Lions Club after June 30, 2007, will not be eligible for Lioness service credit for the purposes of Life membership eligibility. This membership category shall be included in the club delegate formula calculation.

- (f) **ASSOCIATE MEMBER:** A member who holds their primary membership in another Lions club but maintains a residence or is employed in the community served by this club. This status may be conferred by the invitation of the board of directors and shall be reviewed annually. The club shall not report an Associate Member on its Membership and Activities Report.

An Associate Member may be eligible to vote on club matters, at meetings where they are present in person, but may not represent the club as a delegate at district (single, sub-, provisional and/or multiple) or international conventions. They shall not be eligible to hold club, district or international office, nor district, multiple district or international committee assignments through this club. International and district (single, sub-, provisional and/or multiple) dues shall not be assessed on the Associate; PROVIDED, however, nothing shall prevent

this club from assessing an Associate such dues as it shall deem proper. This membership category shall not be included in the club delegate formula calculation.

- (g) **AFFILIATE MEMBER:** A quality individual of the community who currently is not able to fully participate as an Active member of the club but desires to support the club and its community service initiatives and be affiliated with the club. This status may be conferred by the invitation of the club's board of directors.

An Affiliate Member may be eligible to vote on club matters at meetings where they are present in person, but may not represent the club as a delegate at district (single, sub, provisional, and/or multiple) or international conventions.

They shall not be eligible to hold club, district or international office, nor district, multiple district or international committee assignment. An Affiliate Member shall be required to pay district, international and such dues as the local club may charge. This membership category shall be included in the club delegate formula calculation.

- (h) **DISCOUNTED MEMBER:** A member of this club who pays discounted dues as a result of their family membership status, student status or participation in any other discounted membership program offered by the association who desires to retain membership in this club and meets the qualifications for discounted dues. The membership status shall be verified by the board of directors of this club. A Discounted Member shall be eligible to hold office in district or international meetings, but shall pay such dues as the local club may charge, which dues shall include district and international dues. This membership category shall not be included in the club delegate formula calculation.

Section C. **DUAL MEMBERSHIPS** - No person shall simultaneously hold membership, other than Honorary or Associate, in more than one Lions Club.

Section D. **PROCEDURES LEADING TO MEMBERSHIP** – Membership shall be acquired by invitation only.

Nominations shall be made on forms provided by LCI, which shall be signed by a member in good standing who shall act as sponsor. Nomination for membership shall be approved in accordance with the following procedure:

1. The sponsoring member shall present the completed "Membership Application form" of the prospect to the Club President.
2. The Club President shall announce the name of the prospect at the next regular meeting of the Club and shall request any member having objections to admission of the prospect to present those objections to a member of the Club's Board of Directors within 5 days.
3. The Club President shall forward the Membership Application form of the prospect to the Club's Board of Directors who shall investigate the qualifications of the prospect and any objections received by Club membership.

Section E. **REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP**

Any member dropped from membership in good standing in the Club, may be reinstated within twelve (12) months from the date of termination of membership by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. In the event more than twelve (12) months have lapsed between such termination and the Individual's reinstatement application, it will be necessary for the individual to come into the Club under the procedures set forth in Section D of this Article.

Section F. TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

The Club may grant membership on a transfer basis to one who has terminated or is terminating their membership in another Lions Club, provided that:

1. completed "Transfer Member" form is received by the President of the Club within twelve (12) months following the date of termination of membership in their former Club or, if the form is not available, the member's current membership card, in accordance with Lions Clubs International.
2. such termination was in good standing; and
3. such "Transfer Member" form or membership card is approved by the Board of Directors.

If more than twelve (12) months have elapsed between termination of membership in another Club and submittal of a completed "Transfer Member" form or current membership card, they may acquire membership in the Club only under the provisions of Section D. of this Article.

**ARTICLE IV
FEES AND DUES**

Section A. ENTRANCE FEE

Each new, reinstated and transfer member shall pay an entrance fee as indicated in the Schedule, Article XVIII, which fee shall include the current LCI entrance fee and be collected before such member is enrolled as a member of the Club and before the Secretary may report such member to LCI, provided, however, that the Board of Directors may elect to waive all or any part of the Club portion of said entrance fee as to any member granted membership by transfer or reinstatement within twelve (12) months of termination of their Lions Club Membership.

Section B. DUES AND FEES OR ASSESSMENTS

1. REGULAR ANNUAL DUES

Each member of the Club shall pay the regular annual dues in accordance with the member's membership classification as indicated in the Schedule, Article XVIII, which dues shall include an amount to cover Lions Club International, Multiple District 27 (MD27), District 27-A1, and Club dues.

2. REMITTANCE OF DUES

The Treasurer of the Club shall remit Lions Club International, Multiple District 27 and District 27A1 dues to the parties, and at the times specified in the respective Constitutions and By-Laws.

3. MEAL PLAN

The Club shall require members to pay in advance the cost of the meal plan if a Lion wants to go onto the plan.

4. OTHER DUES AND FEES OR ASSESSMENTS

No dues, fees or assessments in addition to those set forth herein may be levied on, or required of, any member of the Club, its Board of Directors or any officer or member of the Club.

**ARTICLE V
RESIGNATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

Section A. WRITTEN NOTICE

Any member may resign from the Club upon written notice to the President of the Club, and said resignation shall become effective upon the acceptance of the Board of Directors.

Section B. ACCEPTANCE

The Board may withhold acceptance, however, until all indebtedness has been paid all Club funds and property have been returned, and all rights to the use of the name "LIONS", THE EMBLEM AND OTHER INSIGNIA OF THE Club and LCI have been surrendered.

Section C. REFUND OF DUES

The Board of Directors may authorize a refund to the resigned member of any dues paid in

advance for the unused portion of the year between the date of accepted resignation and the end of the Fiscal Year.

**ARTICLE VI
FORFEITURE OF MEMBERSHIP**

Section A. INDEBTEDNESS

The Treasurer shall submit to the Board of Directors the name of any member who refused or neglects to pay any indebtedness due the Club within sixty (60) days after written formal demanded has been made by the Treasurer. The Board shall thereafter decide whether the member shall be dropped or retained on the roster.

Section B. FORFEITURE OF MEMBERSHIP

Any member may be expelled from the Club for cause by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire Board of Directors

Section C. ABSENTEEISM

The name of any Active Member who shall absent themselves from four (4) consecutive Regular Meetings of the Club, without acceptable cause being given to the Treasurer shall be submitted to the Board of Directors by the Treasurer at the Board meeting next following the fourth (4) such absence, and the Board of Directors shall direct the President to investigate the reasons for the absences and report its findings to the Board. The Board shall thereafter decide whether the member shall be dropped or be re-classified to an alternative membership status.

**Article VII
OFFICERS**

Section A. COMPOSITION

The officers of the Club shall be; President, immediate Past President, Firsts Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Lion Tamer, Tail Twister, and all four (4) Directors.

Section B. MEMBER STATUS

Active, Life and Discounted members in good standing shall be eligible to hold office in the Club.

Section C. COMPENSATION

No Officer shall receive any compensation for any service rendered to the Club in there official capacity with the exception of the Secretary and Treasurer, whose compensation, if any, shall be fixed by the Board of Directors.

Section D. DUTIES

1. PRESIDENT

The responsibilities for this position shall be as follows:

- (a) Serve as chief executive officer for this club.
- (b) Preside at all meetings of the board of directors of this club.
- (c) Chair the Club Global Action Team and ensure the following:

(1.) Ensure the election of qualified Lion leaders for the position of club service chairperson, club membership chairperson and club vice president, who will serve as the leadership chairperson.

(2.) Ensure regular meetings to discuss and advance initiatives established by the Global Action Team.

(3.) Collaborate with the district Global Action Team and other club presidents to further initiatives focused on expanding humanitarian service, leadership development and membership growth.

(4.) In collaboration with the club officers and committee chairpersons, implement a plan for

membership growth, community engagement, operational improvement and the Effective March 19, 2024 Chapter VII Page 49 fulfillment of humanitarian services as presented and approved by the club's board of directors.

- (5.) Issue the call for regular meetings and special meetings of the board of directors of this club.
- (6) Appoint standing and special committees and cooperate with chairpersons to effect regular functioning and reporting of such committees.
- (7) See that regular elections are duly called, noticed and held.
- (8) Ensure the club is operating in accordance with local laws.
- (9) Ensure proper administration of club operations by ensuring that all club officers and members adhere to the club's Constitution and By-Laws and the International Constitution and By-Laws.
- (10) Encourage diplomacy and solve disputes in a fair and transparent fashion utilizing the Dispute Resolution Procedure if needed.
- (11) Be an active member of the district governor's advisory committee of the zone in which this club is located.
- (12) Serve as a mentor to vice presidents to ensure the continuance of effective leadership.

2. **IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT.** They and the other past presidents shall serve as mentors to the club president and vice presidents and serve as the club LCIF coordinator unless another Lion is appointed to this position.

2. **FIRST VICE PRESIDENT.** The responsibilities for this position shall be as follows: (a) Conduct an annual club quality assessment and collaborate with the club officers, specifically members of the club's Global Action Team and other committee chairpersons during their term as first vice president to develop a plan for membership growth, community engagement, and the fulfillment of humanitarian services to be presented and approved by the board of directors during their term as president. (b) Serve as a key member of the club's Global Action Team as the club Leadership Chairperson and along with other members of the leadership committee: (1) Ensure that new members are provided with an effective orientation so new members understand how the club operates within its district, multiple district and Lions Clubs International, with the support of the Club Membership Chairperson. (2) Ensure current and/or incoming club officers attend training, offered by the district and/or via the Lions Learning Center (LLC) Effective March 19, 2024 Chapter VII Page 50 (3) Communicate to the District Global Leadership Coordinator the need for training, the names of potential new leaders and the leadership development activities that club members attend. (4) Identify potential leaders and encourage their development as future leaders. (5) Encourage members to participate in leadership training offered by the district, multiple district and Lions Clubs International. (c) Take a key role in membership retention and ensure organizational excellence by measuring member satisfaction and utilizing feedback to improve club operations. (d) Understand the club's role in district activities and events. (e) Network with the officers of other clubs to gain ideas that may be applied to the club. (f) Gain in-depth knowledge of district, multiple district initiatives that support leadership development, membership growth and the expansion of humanitarian service. (g) Be an active member of the district governor's advisory committee of the zone in which this club is located. (h) If the president is unable to perform the duties of their office for any reason, the vice president next in rank shall occupy their position and perform their duties with the same authority as the president. (i) Oversee the functioning of such committees of this club as the president shall designate.

4. VICE PRESIDENT(S)

If the president is unable to perform the duties of their office for any reason, the vice president next in rank shall occupy their position and perform their duties with the same authority as the president. Each vice president shall, under the direction of the president, oversee the functioning of such committees of this club as the president shall designate.

5. SECRETARY

They shall be under the supervision and direction of the president and the board of directors and shall act as the liaison officer between the club and the district (single, sub- and multiple) in which this club is located, and the association. The responsibilities for this position shall be as follows: (a) Submit regular monthly and other reports to the international office of the association containing such information as may be called for by the board of directors of this association. (b) Submit to the district governor's cabinet such reports as it may require. (c) Be an active member of the district governor's advisory committee of the zone in which the club is located. (d) Have custody and keep and maintain general records of this club, including records of minutes of club and board meetings; attendance; committee appointments; elections; member information, addresses and telephone numbers of members; members club accounts. (e) Give bond for the faithful discharge of their office in such sum and with such surety as determined by the board of directors. (f) Deliver, in a timely manner, at the conclusion of their term in office, the general records of the club to their successor in office.

6. TREASURER. The responsibilities for this position shall be as follows: (a) Receive all monies, from the secretary and otherwise, and deposit the same in a bank or banks recommended by the finance committee and approved by the board of directors. (b) Arrange for issuance, in cooperation with the secretary, quarterly or semi-annual statements to each member for dues and other financial obligations owed to this club and report payments to the Board of Directors. (c) Pay out monies in payment of club obligations only on authority given by the board of directors. (d) Have custody and keep and maintain general records of club receipts and disbursements. (e) Prepare and submit monthly and semi-annual financial reports to the board of directors of this club. (f) Give bond for the faithful discharge of their office in such sum and with such surety as determined by the board of directors. (g) Deliver, in a timely manner, at the conclusion of their term in office, the financial accounts, funds and records of the club to their successor in office. (h) Serves as chairperson for the finance committee.

7. MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON. The responsibilities for this position shall be as follows: (a) Serve as a key member of the club's Global Action Team as the club Membership Chairperson. (b) Collaborate with the District Global Action Team on membership initiatives, and participate in relevant district, region and zone meetings and events. (c) Develop and lead a membership committee to help implement action plans to achieve the club's membership goals and to positively increase the member experience. (d) Encourage all members to participate in membership growth by inviting prospective members to the club. Follow up with prospective members promptly. (e) Promote a harmonious club atmosphere by listening to and addressing, with the support of the club board of directors, concerns that prevent a positive member experience. This may include a survey or other opportunities for feedback. (f) Engage new members in activities that are of interest to the member. (g) Collaborate with the club service chairperson as well as other club committees to promote membership opportunities. (h) Understand the different membership types and programs offered and promote membership programs to club members. (i) Ensure that new members are provided with an effective orientation so new members understand how the club operates within its district, multiple district and Lions Clubs International, with the support of the Club First Vice President/Club Leadership Chairperson. (j) Attend the district governor's advisory committee meeting of the zone in which this club is located when appropriate.

8. SERVICE CHAIRPERSON. The responsibilities for this position shall be as follows: (a) Serve as a key member of the club's Global Action Team as the club Service Chairperson. (b) Collaborate with the District Global Service Coordinator, Club LCIF Coordinator, district leaders, members of the club's service committee and others to develop and communicate annual service goals and action plans. Goals and action plans should address current community needs and / or LCI's global causes, and can be comprised of advocacy and fundraising in addition to direct service to beneficiaries. (c) Lead the service committee to implement the club's service action plans in order to achieve the club's service goals. (d) Incorporate opportunities for local youth and Leos to engage in all aspects of service activities, including goal setting, implementation, project evaluation and reporting. (e) Report service activities to Lions Clubs International. (f) Serve as a club resource on current community needs by monitoring the service activities of other service clubs, developing community partnerships to expand service, and utilizing tools and resources offered by Lions Clubs International and Lions Clubs International Foundation. (g) Increase member satisfaction by encouraging participation and engagement in service projects. (h) Collaborate with the club membership chairperson and other club committees to promote membership opportunities to non-Lions during service projects. (i) Attend the district governor's advisory committee meeting of the zone in which this club is located when appropriate.

9. MARKETING CHAIRPERSON. The responsibilities for this position may be as follows: (a) Develop and implement an annual marketing plan in collaboration with the club membership chair. The plan should consider internal and external audiences, including club members, social media news media, supporters/sponsors and potential new members. (b) Collaborate directly with the Global Action Team to stay connected to all membership, leadership, and service programs, projects, and events. (c) Understand global brand guidelines and support proper use of brand materials in club events and service projects. (d) Promote the work of the club on social media. Develop a social media post calendar to follow club service, community involvement, and membership activities. (e) Work closely with the club membership chairperson to target and reach out to new potential club members. (f) Develop club marketing and public relations talking points for club members. Use word of mouth marketing tactics to promote the club and recruit new members. (g) Working with club leadership, submit marketing award application for consideration for the Lions International Marketing Award. (h) Motivate members to be brand ambassadors. Encourage members to take photos, share on social media, wear brand apparel, and share Lions messages during community involvement opportunities. (i) Publicize club activities, including service projects, fundraisers, donations, Lions Clubs International sponsored contests and other newsworthy accomplishments both internally and externally via the news media, social media, and other effective means. (j) Assist the club president in communicating information from the district, multiple district and international headquarters with the club members. (k) Attend the district governor's advisory committee meeting of the zone in which this club is located when appropriate. (l) Participate in meetings held by the district marketing chairperson.

10. LION TAMER

Lion Tamer shall have charge of, and be responsible for, the property and paraphasia of the Club including flags, banners, bell, presidential board. Lion Tamer shall put each in its proper place before each meeting and return same to the proper storage area after each meeting.

11. TAIL TWISTER

Tail Twister shall promote harmony, good fellowship, life an enthusiasm in meetings through appropriate stunts and games and judicious imposition of fines on Club members. There shall be no ruling from the Tail Twisters decision in imposing a fine, however, that no fine shall exceed the maximum amount of USD2.00, and no members shall be fined more than twice at any one meeting. The Tail Twister may not be fined except by a majority vote of all members present. All monies collected by the Tail Twister shall be immediately turned over to the Treasurer. However, such maximum fine as stated in the previous paragraph shall not preclude the Presiding Officer from imposing and collection additional fines from members who are disorderly and who disrupt the proper conduct of the meeting.

12. CLUB LCIF COORDINATOR

As a club coordinator, you will serve as an ambassador for Lions Club International Foundation in your club. You will share stories on LCIF programs, motivate others to support LCIF, and enable the foundation to advance its humanitarian work in our community and around the world. Because of your leadership skills and demonstration to the philanthropic and humanitarian services ideals of LCIF, we are able to create a better world. We are able to do this through participating in annual LCIF training activities provided by your local District Coordinator. Give an annual LCIF presentation at a club meeting to tell club members of LCIF programs and their impact. Promote LCIF and LCIF programs with club leadership and inform member of your club as to the LCIF grant opportunities at the local level and communicate with other clubs in the district regarding active grants and grant applications.

ARTICLE VIII BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section A. COMPOSITION

As previously stated in Article VII.

Section B. TIME AND DAY OF BOARD MEETINGS

Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held as indicated in Article XVIII.

Section C. SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held when called by the president, or when requested by six (6) or more members of the Board of Directors, at such time and place as the President shall determine.

Section D. QUORUM

The presence in person of a majority of its Board members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directs.

Section E. DUTIES AND POWERS

In Addition to those duties and powers, expressed and implied, set forth elsewhere in this Constitution and By-Laws, the Board of Directors shall have the following duties and powers.

- 1) It shall constitute the Board of the Club and be responsible for the execution, through the Club officers, of the policies approved by the Club. All new business and policy of the Club shall be considered and shaped, first, by the Board of Directors for presentation to and approval by the Club members at a regular or special meeting of the Club.
- 2) It shall authorize expenditures and shall not create any indebtedness beyond the current income of the club, nor authorize dispersal of Club funds for purposes inconsistent with the business and policy authorized by the Club membership.
- 3) It shall have the power to modify, override or rescind the action of any officer of the Club.

- 4) It shall have the books, accounts and operations of the Club audited annually or, in its discretion, more frequently and may require an accounting or have an audit made of the handling of any Club funds by any officer, committee or member of the Club. Any member of the Club, in good standing, may inspect any such audit or accounting upon request at a reasonable time and place.
- 5) It shall appoint, on recommendation of the Audit Committee, a bank or banks for the deposit of the funds of the Club.
- 6) It shall appoint the surety for the bonding of any officer of the Club
- 7) It shall not authorize, nor permit, the expenditure, for any administrative purpose, of the net income of projects or activities of the Club by which funds are raised from the public.
- 8) It shall submit all matters of new business and policy to the respective Standing or Special Club Committee for study and recommendation to the Board
- 9) It shall name and appoint subject to the approval of the Club membership the delegate and alternates of the Club to District 27A1, MD27 and LCI.
- 10) It shall designate how the funds of the Club shall be invested.
- 11) It shall receive committee reports and recommendations and shall submit to the Club, in regular meetings, recommendations which it has approved affecting the administrative or activities policies of the Club.
- 12) It may from time to time, in the interests of good order, enact procedural and Interpretive Rules, not inconsistent with the Club's Constitution and By-Laws, governing the activities and conduct of affairs of the Club.
- 13) The enumeration of specific power of the Board, a failure to enumerate others, whether similar or dissimilar, shall not be construed to deny exercise by the Board of any other powers consistent with this Constitution and By-Laws and the executive authority given the Board over the officers, affairs and property of the Club.

ARTICLE IX ELECTIONS

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

Section A. NOMINATION MEETING

A Nomination Meeting shall be held in March of each year, with the date and place of such meeting to be determined by the Board of Directors and notice thereof given to each member of the Club at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting.

Section B. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee which shall submit the names of candidates for the various Club offices to the Club at the Nomination Meeting. At this meeting nominations for all the offices to be filled in the succeeding year may also be made from the floor.

Section C. NOMINEES FAILURE TO SERVE

If, in the interim between the Nomination Meeting and the Election meeting any nominee is unable, for any reason to serve in the office to which he was nominated and for which there are no other nominees, the Nominating Committee shall submit, at the Election Meeting, names of additional nominees for that office.

Section D. ELECTION MEETING

An Election Meeting shall be held in April of each year, with the date and place of such meeting to be determined by the Board of Directors and notice thereof given to each member of the Club at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting. Such notice shall include

the names of all nominees approved at the preceding Nomination Meeting, and subject to Section C above, a statement that these nominees be voted upon at the Election Meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor at the Election Meeting.

Section E. **TERMS OF OFFICE**

Subject to the provisions of Section G of the Article, all officers other than Directors, shall be elected biennial (every 2 years) and shall take office on July 1st and shall hold office for two years from that date.

Section F. **WRITTEN BALLOTS**

The election of officers shall be by ballot by those present and qualified to vote. A majority vote shall be necessary to elect.

Section G. **REMOVAL**

Any officer of the Club may be removed from office for good cause by a majority vote of the Board of Directors then in office.

**ARTICLE X
VACANCIES**

Section A. **PRESIDENT OR VICE PRESIDENTS**

If the office of the President or any of the Vice Presidents shall become vacant for any reason, the Vice Presidents shall advance in office, according to their rank. In the event such provision for advancement shall fail to fill the office of President or First or Second Vice President, the Board of Directors shall thereon call a special election giving each member in good standing prior two weeks' notice of the time and place thereof, which time and place shall be determined by said Board, and such office shall be filled at said Election Meeting.

Section B. **OTHER CLUB OFFICERS**

In the event of a vacancy in any other office the Board of Directors shall appoint a member to fill the unexpired term.

Section C. **VACANCIES THAT REDUCE THE BOARD TO LESS THAN A QUORUM**

In the event vacancies shall be such number as to reduce the number of Directors to less than the number required for a quorum, the membership of the Club shall have the power to fill such vacancies by an election held at any regular meeting of the Club upon prior written notice, and in such manner specified in Section D. hereinafter. Such notice may be given by any remaining Officer or Director, but if none, then by any member.

Section D. **OFFICERS-ELECT**

In the event any Officer-Elect, before the term of office commences, is unable or refuses, for any reason, to serve therein, the President may call a Special Nomination and Election Meeting to elect a replacement for such Officer-Elect. Two (2) weeks prior notice of such meeting, setting forth the purpose, time and place thereof, shall be given to each member. The election shall be held immediately after nominations have been closed and a majority vote shall be necessary for election.

ARTICLE XI

MEETINGS

Section A. **REGULAR MEETINGS**

Regular Meetings of the Club shall be held, NO LESS THAN ONCE PER MONTH, at a time and place indicated in the yearly "Meeting Schedule" unless altered by the Board of Directors.

All meetings shall begin and end, promptly, at regular times, except as otherwise specifically provided in this Constitution and By-Laws, Notice of Regular Meetings shall be given in such a manner as the Board of Directors deems proper.

Section B. **SPECIAL MEETINGS**

Special Meetings of the Club may be called by the President, at his discretion, and shall be called by the President when requested by the Board of Directors, at a time and place determined by the person or body requesting the same. Notice of Special Meetings setting forth the purpose, time and place thereof shall be given to each member of the Club, at least two (2) weeks prior to the date thereof.

Section C. **CHARTER NIGHT ANNIVERSARY**

A Charter Night Anniversary Meeting of the Club may be held each year on the second (2nd) Wednesday of October, at which time special attention shall be devoted to the objects and ethics of Lionism, and the history of the Club.

Section D. **INSTALLATION NIGHT (ANNUAL MEETING)**

An Annual Meeting of the Club shall be held no later than June of each year at a time and place determined by the Board of Directors, at which meeting the final reports of the retiring officers shall be read and newly elected officers shall be installed.

Section E. **QUORUM**

The presence in person of a majority of Club members present at the meeting shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

Section F. **INDEBTEDNESS TO THE CLUB**

Any member who fails to pay any indebtedness due the Club within sixty (60) days after receipt from the Treasurer of written notice thereof shall thereon forfeit their good standing and shall so remain until such indebtedness is paid in full. Only members in good standing may exercise the voting privilege and hold office in the Club.

Section G. **REPRESENTATION OF ENTIRE CLUB**

Except as otherwise specifically provided, the act of a majority of the members present at any meeting shall be the act and decision of the entire Club.

ARTICLE XII

Section A. **PROXY VOTES**

Proxy voting shall not be permitted at any meeting of this Club.

Section B. **ABSENTEE VOTES**

Absentee balloting shall be permitted when specifically authorized by the Board or by a majority vote of the members.

Section C. **SECRET WRITTEN BALLOTS**

Elections shall be by secret written ballots as indicated in Article IX, Section F.

**ARTICLE XIII
EMBLEM, COLORS, FISCAL YEAR**

Section A. **EMBLEM AND COLORS**

The emblem and colors of the Club shall be the same as the emblem and colors of the association.

Section B. **FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year of the Club shall be July 1 through June 30.

**ARTICLE XIV
CONVENTION DELEGATES**

Section A. **INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES**

Lions International will advise the club the number of Delegates and alternates in accordance with Lions International Constitution and By-Laws.

Section B. **DISTRICT 27 AND DISTRICT 27A1 CONVENTION DELEGATES**

MD-27 and/or District 27-A1 will advise the club the number of delegates and alternates in accordance with MD27 and/or District 27-A1 Constitution and By-Laws

**ARTICLE XV
PARLIAMENTARY PRACTICES**

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

**ARTICLE XVI
AMENDMENTS**

Section A. **CONSTITUTION**

This Constitution may be amended at any Regular or Special Meeting of the Club, at which a quorum is present, by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present in person and voting, provided that the Board has previously considered the merits of the

amendments.

Section B. **AMENDMENTS**

No amendment shall be put to vote, unless written notice thereof, stating the proposed amendment shall have been emailed and/or mailed to each member of the Club at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting at which the vote on the proposed amendment is to be taken.

**ARTICLE XVII
REGISTERED AGENT**

The registered Agent shall be a designated officer of the Club, namely the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall continue to be the Registered Agent until that individual has completed their tenure on the Board or left the Club for some legitimate reason.

**ATTICLE XVIII
COMPENSATION**

No Lion member shall receive any compensation for any services rendered to the Club with the exception of the Secretary and the Treasurer, whose compensation, if any, shall be fixed by the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE XIX
DUES, MEETING SCHEDULE**

Section A. **DUES SCHEDULE**

All member Dues and Fees shall be in accordance with LCI, MD-27, District 27-A1 and the South Milwaukee Lions Club annual requirements which will be reviewed and approved by the Board in the third (3rd) quarter of the Lion year.

Section B. **MAXIMUM FINE**

The maximum fine per event assessed to a member is \$4.00

Section C. **BOARD MEETINGS**

The Board shall meet on the Fourth (4th) Wednesday of each month except as noted in the meeting schedule, at various locations and times agreed to by the board of directors.

Section D. **CLUB MEETINGS**

The Club shall meet on the Second (2nd) Wednesday of each month except as noted in the meeting schedule, at various locations at 6:30 pm.

**ARTICLE XX
BY-LAWS**

Section A. **POLITICS AND RELIGION**

The Club shall not endorse or recommend any candidate for public office, nor shall partisan politics or sectarian religion be debated by members in meetings of the Club.

Section B. **PERSONAL OR POLITICAL ASPIRATIONS**

Except to further progress in Lionism, no officer or member of the Club shall use their membership as a means of furthering any personal, political, or other aspiration, nor shall the Club, as a whole, take part in any movement not in keeping with its purposes and objects.

Section C. SOLICITATION OF FUNDS

No fund shall be solicited from members of the Club during meetings by any individual or individuals who are not members of the Club. Any suggestion or proposition made at any meeting of the Club calling for the expenditure of money for other than the regular obligations shall be referred to the Finance Committee.

Section D. CHANGES IN THE BY-LAWS WHERE AND WHEN

These By-Laws may be altered, amended or repealed at any Regular or Special Meeting of the Club at which a quorum is present by the vote of a majority of the members present in person and voting.

Section E. NOTICE OF AMENDMENT

No amendment shall be put to vote unless written notice thereof, stating the proposed amendment, shall have been emailed, mailed or delivered personally to each member at least two (2) weeks prior to the Meeting at which the vote on the amendment is to be taken.

Section F. SUSPENSION OF BY-LAWS

Any By-Law, except By-Laws 1 and 2 may be suspended at any meeting of the Club at which a quorum is present by the majority vote of all members present.

**ARTICLE XXI
COMMITTEES**

Section A. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES

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| +Audit | +History and Archives |
| +Awards | +Long Term Planning and Finance |
| +Constitution and By-Laws | +Membership |
| +Convention | +Nominations |
| +Education and Scholarship | +Technology and Publicity |
| +Equipment Maintenance | +WLF/Lions Camp |

Section B. ACTIVITIES COMMITTEES

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| +Civic Improvements/Environmental | +Humanitarian and Medical Support |
| +Cook/Setup Crew | +Lionsfest |
| +Disaster | +Parade |
| +Events | +Vision and Hearing |

Section C. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

From time to time the President may appoint, with approval of the Board of Directors, such Special Committees as may be necessary.

Section D. **EX-OFFICIO COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The First, Second and Third Vice Presidents shall be assigned as Ex-Officio members of Committees assigned by the President. The President shall be an Ex-Officio Member of all Committees.

Section E. **COMMITTEE COMPOSITION**

All Committees shall consist of a Chairman and have as many members as shall be considered necessary by the President.

Section F. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Each Committee, through its Chairman, shall report to the Ex-Officio in charge of there Committee either verbally or in writing, each month so it can be presented to the Board of Directors

Section G. **ASSIGNMENT OF PROBLEMS**

All problems pertaining to either Administrative or Activity matters shall be referred to the corresponding Committee for study and recommendation to the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE XXII
CHANGES IN THE BY-LAWS**

A. WHERE AND WHEN

These By-Laws may be altered, amended or repealed at any Regular or Special Meeting of the Club at which a quorum is present by the vote of a majority of the members present in person and voting.

B. NOTICE OF AMENDMENT

No amendment shall be put to vote unless written notice thereof, stating the proposed amendment, shall have been emailed personally to each member at least two (2) weeks prior to the Meeting at which the vote on the amendment is to be taken.

C. SUSPENSION OF BY-LAWS

Any By-Law, except Article I and II may be suspended at any meeting of the Club at which a quorum is present by the majority vote of all members present.

D. CHANGE LOG:

5/20/26 Added under Article VII point 12 Club LCIF Coordinator

