

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
**INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Boston, Massachusetts, USA**  
**July 4-6, 2023**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

1. The committee received an update from Lions Clubs International Internal Audit and will continue to follow up and monitor action plans.

**CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE**

1. The committee denied an election complaint filed in District 300-A2 and agreed Lion Yang-Yang Yen be declared the second vice district governor for the 2023-2024 year.
2. The committee denied an election complaint filed in District 324-D and agreed Lion R. Dinakaran be declared the second vice district governor for the 2023-2024 year.
3. The committee denied an election complaint filed in District 315-B2 and agreed Lion Shahadat Hossain be declared the second vice district governor for the 2023-2024 year.
4. The committee upheld an election complaint filed in District 300-D5 and appointed Second Vice District Governor Hung Chieh Chu as first vice district governor for the 2023-2024 year.
5. The committee upheld an election complaint filed in District B-3 and agreed the second vice district governor position remain vacant for the 2023-2024 year.
6. The committee upheld an election complaint filed in District 306-B2 and agreed the second vice district governor position remain vacant for the 2023-2024 year.
7. The committee denied an election complaint filed in Multiple District 315 and agreed Lion Nazmul Haque be declared the endorsed international director candidate.
8. The committee denied an election complaint filed in Multiple District 103 and agreed Lion Guy-Bernard Brami be declared the endorsed international director candidate.
9. The committee passed a resolution removing Sunita Bansal as district governor of District 321-C2 for the remainder of the 2022-2023 term, along with not recognizing service as a past district governor and not being a member of any club due to conduct unbecoming a Lion.
10. The committee passed a resolution that the undistricted area of Cyprus become Provisional District 135 at the close of the 2024 International Convention, with Past International Director Robert Rettby appointed as Coordinating Lion due to the refusal of current leadership to cooperate with efforts to unite Lions clubs across Cyprus.
11. The committee passed a resolution allowing the Lions of South Korea to form a national foundation, the Korea Council of Lions Clubs Foundation.
12. The committee passed a resolution allowing the Republic of North Macedonia to form a foundation, subject to district approval of changes to the foundation's name and by-laws.
13. The committee passed a resolution approving the Ad Hoc Committee on Board Representation for the 2023-2024 year.
14. The committee passed a resolution approving changes to the advisory committee charter.

**CONVENTION COMMITTEE**

1. Approved update to Chapter VIII, Paragraph B. of the Board Policy Manual, to allow for Lions to select their own convention hotel without the requirement to stay within their own delegations assigned hotel.

2. Evaluated the appointment criteria for the role of an international convention chairperson at the multiple and/or district levels and requested that the technology and marketing staff evaluate ways to simplify the appointment process.

### **DISTRICT AND CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE**

1. Appointed Lions to serve as the Coordinating Lions for 2023-2024.
2. Revised the responsibilities of the District and Multiple District Marketing Chairperson to streamline the application process for the International Marketing Award.
3. Revised the description of zones and regions as written in the Standard Form District By-Laws to encourage the chartering of new clubs.
4. Revised the Standard Form District Constitution to grant voting rights as cabinet members to District Global Action Team members and the LCIF District Coordinators.
5. Reduced the number of days required to notify clubs of district or multiple district redistricting proposals from 60 days to 30 days.
6. Revised the process for investigating inactive and fictitious clubs to streamline the process.

### **FINANCE & HEADQUARTERS OPERATION COMMITTEE**

1. Approved the FY 2022-2023 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Forecast, reflecting a deficit.
2. Approved the FY 2023-2024 final budget, reflecting a deficit.
3. Proposed changes to the Operating Reserve Policy be discussed with the Finance and Headquarters Operation Committee at the July 2023 new committee meeting for referral to the Long Range Planning Committee in August 2023.
4. Approved placing the Türkiye Lions Clubs on modified protective status through December 2023, with reviews to occur at the 2023-2024 board meetings by the Finance & Headquarters Operation Committee for specified clubs impacted by the earthquake.
5. Amended the Executive Officer Reimbursement Policy to allow approval by the International President of additional miles for the Third Vice President to travel in support of Mission 1.5.
6. Amended Chapter XXIII, A.10. of the Board Policy Manual to accommodate travel for leadership to forums required for Mission 1.5.
7. Amended Lions International Procurement Policy to allow an exception to the bid process for Convention Ground Transportation and to change the Signature Authorization Level Matrix.

### **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

1. Approved the updated 2023 District Governors-Elect Seminar group leader team to include replacement group leaders for Spanish, Swedish and Italian groups.
2. Approved the curriculum plan and schedule for the 2023-2024 First Vice District Governors/District Governors-Elect Seminar.
3. Approved the 2024 District Governors-Elect Seminar group leader team.
4. Revised the Board Policy Manual, Chapter XIV, Paragraph D.10. to reorder and clarify District-Governors-Elect Seminar group leader qualifications and to ensure group leaders will not certify as an international director or international third vice president candidate from the beginning of the term as group leader through the seminar at convention.

5. Revised the Board Policy Manual so that, when the second vice president selects either the mixed or regional model to organize the districts and establish the number of group leaders required, the mixed model allows for a maximum of thirty-one groups and the regional model allows for a maximum of thirty-six groups.

### **LONG RANGE PLANNING (MAY 2023 MEETING REPORT)**

1. Received a feasibility report and recommendation from the Lions International Strategic Plan project team on new growth models.
2. Received a progress report on the Lions International Strategic Plan and a preview of plans for the coming year.
3. Reviewed a working draft of the plan to grow Lions Clubs International to 1.5 million members by July 1, 2027.
4. Discussed Leo-Lion representation on the Lions Clubs International Foundation Board of Trustees.
5. Discussed Central and Eastern European Global Action Team and Coordinating Lion Collaboration.
6. Discussed the creation of guidelines and criteria for reviewing funding requests for advocacy events.
7. Received an update on Lions Clubs International Foundation partnership discussions with the World Food Program.

### **MARKETING COMMITTEE**

1. Reviewed the 2022-2023 forecasts and the 2023-2024 budget for the Marketing Division.
2. Reviewed an update on new support for the launch of Mission 1.5.
3. Reviewed an update on how the association handles trademarks for forums, websites and digital products.
4. Reviewed plans to distribute the Peace Poster and Essay Contest in digital format.
5. Reviewed global public relations strategies and year-end results. Reviewed marketing grant support.
6. Reviewed brand programs and strategies and year-end results. Reviewed marketing grant support.
7. Reviewed status on the move to the Lions International brand as part of the Lions International Strategic Plan.
8. Reviewed the Marketing Committee charter. No changes were made.
9. Reviewed the award table to make recommended changes in support of Mission 1.5. The update will earmark and add a certain number of presidential and leadership medals devoted to recognition for chartering new clubs and adding new members. Criteria for usage is still being finalized. These adjustments will be made in the Board Policy Manual, Chapter XIX.
10. Reviewed an update to the international protocol in the Board Policy Manual, Chapter XIX, to add Leo Advisory Panel members. The committee discussed and unanimously agrees that the Leo Advisory Panel members should be included in protocol in the appropriate location based on various factors.

## **MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

1. Discussed Membership Development Grants and requested a more detailed application be completed prior to committee review. This should include specific information about who is responsible for each step of the plan and when it will be completed.
2. Discussed District 3234 D2, and lifted the moratorium, appointing Lion Vijay Bhandari the district governor for the 2023-2024 term.
3. In addition, Lions Narendra Bhandari, Girish Malpani, Rajesh Kothavade and Raj Muchhal will have their titles stripped for a period of two years. Lion Parmanand Sharma can run for office again after a period of two years, rather than the previously decided five years.
4. Sunset the role of specialty club coordinator, encouraging districts use Global Extension Team coordinators to form both traditional and specialty clubs.
5. Launched a membership initiative, Mission 1.5, to grow membership to 1.5 million Lions, with positive net growth in all constitutional areas.
6. Updated the Global Action Team policy to support Mission 1.5, including the discontinuation of the GAT Success Story funding and the GAT Chairpersons medal.

## **SERVICE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**

1. Reviewed the 2022-2023 fourth quarter forecast.
2. Discussed the 2023-2024 budget and supported the Lions of India request for funding for an India Advocacy Day.
3. Received a report on service reporting, including the number of people served, the number of service activities, and the percentage of clubs reporting service.
4. Received an update on advocacy initiatives including Lions Day with the United Nations events and advocacy days.
5. Recommended updates to Lions International's Advocacy Guidelines.
6. Discussed global causes and service programs, including new environment resources, support for refugees and displaced persons, and diabetes awareness and education.
7. Received an update on the 2023 season of Lions-Elevance Health Volunteer Days.
8. Received an update on the Lions International Strategic Plan episodic volunteer service projects.
9. Reviewed the Service Activities Division 2023-2024 annual plan.

## **TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

1. Received final updates on supporting the 2023 International Convention and election in Boston.
2. Reviewed the 2022-2023 fourth quarter forecast and the 2023-2024 budget for the Technology Division.
3. Received a comprehensive update on the Salesforce project and were informed the Lion Portal is planned to launch in September 2023.
4. Discussed change management and member engagement needed to minimize the member impacts with a change to the digital member experience.
5. Reviewed updates on privacy initiatives, ongoing steps being taken related to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and requested that staff continue the International

Organization for Standardization (ISO) 27001 compliance project without formal certification.

6. Received an update on the status of the website navigation project and is expected to launch by the second quarter.
7. Reviewed updates from the Membership Development Committee and discussed the status of the new club application project that will be implemented as part of the Salesforce project.
8. Discussed the need to update Chapter XXVI of the Board Policy Manual, which includes the association's Privacy Policy.

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