

Proposed Changes to District 45 Constitution and Bylaws

At the Cabinet Meeting on August 19th, the following Proposed Changes to the District 45 Constitution and By-Laws were discussed. It was voted to bring these changes to a vote at the upcoming Fall Conference and Cabinet Meeting on November 4th, 2023. If passed, these changes would be effective immediately.

While most of the Proposed Changes are to update language consistent with changes made by Lions Clubs International, these Proposed Changes include a multi-year increase in District Per Capita Tax (or dues) that, if passed, will be effective January 1, 2024. Dues will increase from \$10 per year to \$14 per year by July 1st, 2025. The District Per Capita Convention Fund Tax would see a one-time increase from \$1 to \$2 per member. These increases are necessary due to declining membership and increasing costs.

Any questions may be directed to PDG Ken Emery at kpemery1960@gmail.com, PDG Walter Hastings at vtlionwalter@gmail.com or IPDG Kathy Dorman at vtlionkathy@gmail.com.

Thank you.

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*** All references to Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer includes the positions of Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Treasurer. But it needs to be noted some Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer reference might need to be referenced as Cabinet Secretary or Cabinet Treasurer depending on what is being referenced. ***

For example, the following: Article 4, Section 1 paragraph a: Add (or Cabinet Secretary / Cabinet Treasurer) after the term: a Cabinet Secretary – Treasurer. Or the following: Article 4, Section 2 paragraph b: Add (or Cabinet Secretary) after the term Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer

Constitution:

Article 4, Section 1 paragraph b: Add (if the Region Chair position is utilized) after the phrase – one Region Chair for each Region.

Article 4, Section 4 paragraph d: Add sentence: Audit must be completed, in full, within 30 days of the completion of the International Convention. Any delay needs to be approved by the audit committee and/or honorary committee (other than outgoing and incoming DG).

Article 5, Section 1: Update the District Administrative Fund Per Capita Tax from \$10 which is assessed per six months at \$5 July 1 and January 1, effective January 1, 2024 to be \$6, effective July 1, 2024 to be \$6.50 (\$13 per year) and as of July 1, 2025 to be \$7 (\$14 per year) and will remain at \$14 as of 7/1/2025 unless further adjusted as approved.

Article 5, Section 1: Add the phrase: Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer (or Cabinet Treasurer) must issue an invoice to District Club Treasurers within 30 days of the International Convention for dues for the July 1 – December 30 period and by January 31st for the January 1 – June 30 period.

Article 7, Secion 1: Update the Per Capita District Convention Fund Tax from \$1.00 to \$2.00 effective January 1, 2024.

BY-LAWS:

Article 2, Section 1, first sentence: ADD Global Action Team after 1st and second vice district governor.

Article 2, Section 1, first sentence: Add (if utilized) after region chairperson.

Article 2, Section 6, 1st sentence: Add a Lion cannot serve as a Zone Chairperson for no more than three years, whether consecutively or in single years. A Past District Governor cannot serve as a Zone Chairperson.

Article V: Change word Second to be Third, representing Third International Vice President. All other remaining wording remains the same.

Article V, Section 1, paragraph a: add (or a district cabinet meeting) after the term Fall Conference.

Article VIII: Add line: Constitution and By-laws were updated as of (Fall Conference / Spring Convention) October 2023.