

Guidelines
for
District _____
Leadership Council
Last revised:

Name , Slogan and Moto:

- A. The name of this organization shall be the Officers' Council of District ____.
- B. It's slogan shall be : Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nations's Safety.
- C. The moto shall be: "We Serve"

The Object of this Council Shall be:

- A. To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the members of District ____.
- B. To unite the members in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.
- C. To provide a forum for the open discussion of all matters pertaining to the activities of District ____ Lions Clubs. To exchange ideas concerning club and district community service and fund-raising projects and to help one another in dealing with problems of leading their respective clubs by the exchange of ideas; provided, however; that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.
- D. To encourage service-minded men and women to serve their respective clubs without personal financial reward and to encourage efficiency and to promote high ethical standards in their respective clubs

Membership:

- A. Subject to the provisions of B hereinafter, all current Presidents, First Vice-Presidents and Secretaries of each club in District ____, all current Officers' Council presiding officers and the immediate Officers' Council Past President. who are otherwise in good standing with Lions International, MD-2, District ____ and their clubs shall be considered active members of the Officers' Council.
- B. All members, as outlined in paragraph "A" of this section, are active members, therefore, are entitled to all rights and privileges and subject to all obligations which membership in the Officer' Council confers or implies. Without limiting such rights and obligations, such rights shall include the right to vote on all matters requiring a vote of the active membership and such obligations shall include regular attendance, participation in the Officers' Council activities and conduct reflecting a favorable image of this Officers' Council in the community.

Officers:

- A. The Officers of this Officers' Council shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer and Tail-Twister.
- B. The following qualifications is established in order for a member to hold office in the officers' Council.
 - 1. For President and Vice-President: A candidate must be a current or Past President of a club in District _____.
 - 2. For Secretary/Treasurer: A candidate must be a current President, First Vice-President, Past-President or a current or past Secretary of a club in District _____.
 - 3. For a Tail-Twister: A candidate who qualifies as a current Active Member in good standing in District _____.

Duties:

- A. President: He/She shall be the Chief Executive Officer of this Officers' Council; preside at all meetings; appoint special committees and cooperate with the officers thereof to affect the regular functioning, accounting and disbursement of all funds as needed or required, reporting of such committees and see that regular elections are duly called, noticed and held.
- B. Vice-President: If the President is unable to perform the duties of his/his office for any reason, the Vice-President shall occupy his/her position and perform his/her duties with the same authority as the President. The Vice-President shall, under the direction of the President, oversee the functioning of such committees of the Officers' Council as the President shall designate. It shall be the Vice-President function to have a monthly program for the Officers' Council.
- C. Secretary: He/She shall be under the supervision and direction of the president and shall act as the liaison officer between the Officers' Council and its members. In fulfillment of this, he/she shall; have custody of and keep and maintain general records of the Officers' Council, including records of minutes; attendance; committee appointments; addresses and telephone numbers of members.

- D. Treasurer: Shall receive all monies and deposit the same in a bank recommended by a committee of the presiding officers. Pay out monies in payment of Officers;' Council of District ____ obligations. All checks and vouchers shall have two authorizing signatures and all deposits shall be made within 30 days of each meeting. Have custody and keep and maintain general records of the Officers' Council receipts and disbursements; prepare and submit monthly financial reports to the Officers' Council members and submit all bank statements to Officers' Council's President monthly..
- E. Tail-Twister: Shall promote harmony, good fellowship, life and enthusiasm in the meetings through appropriate stunts and games and the judicious imposition of fines on Officers' Council members and non-members. There shall be no ruling from his or hers decision in imposing a fine , provided, however, that no fine shall exceed \$1.00 and no member or non-member shall be fined more that twice in any one meeting. The Tail-Twister may not be fined except by the unanimous vote of all members present. All monies collected by the Tail-Twister shall be immediately turned over to the Treasurer and a verification by the Officers' Council's Treasurer be given thereof.

Elections:

The officers of this Officers' Council shall be elected as follows:

- A. The President shall appoint a nominating committee in March which shall submit the names of candidates for the various offices to the Officers' Council at the nominating meeting.
- B. The Nomination Committee's Recommendation Report shall be given at the regular monthly meeting in April. At this meeting nominations for all offices to be filled may also be made from the floor.
- C. An election shall be held at the regular monthly meeting in May of each year. No nomination may be made from the floor at the election meeting.
- D. Subject to paragraph F, all officers shall be elected annually and shall take office on July 1st, and shall hold office for one year from that date, or until their successors shall have been elected and qualified.
- E. The election shall be by show of hand by those members present and qualified to vote. A plurality vote shall be necessary to elect. A secret ballot may be requested by any active member of the Officers' Council.
- F. REMOVAL: Any officer of this Officers' Council may be removed from office for good cause by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire membership.

VACANCIES:

- A. If the office of the President should become vacant for any reason, the vice-president shall advance in office. If for any reason the other offices should become vacant then a special election shall be held to vote for candidates, nominated by the current Officers' Council President and otherwise eligible as contained in these provisions, by the active members of the council.
- B. In the event any officer or officer-elect, except as previously provided for the position of President, is unable or refuses for any reason to serve therein, the current President or if not available the Immediate-Past-President may call a "Special Election Meeting" to elect a replacement for such officer(s) at the next regularly scheduled meeting and a plurality shall be necessary for election.

Meetings:

- A. The regular meetings of the Officers' Council shall meet between September and May at a time and place recommended by the current officers, and approved by the members. All meetings shall begin and end promptly, at the regular set time.