

SOUTH CAROLINA LIONS

MD 32

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**CONSTITUTION**

**South Carolina Multiple District 32**

**LIONS INTERNATIONAL**

# CONSTITUTION

## ARTICLE I - NAME

**Section 1.** This organization shall be know as SOUTH CAROLINA MULTIPLE DISTRICT 32, LIONS INTERNATIONAL, hereafter referred to s "MD-32".

## ARTICLE II - OBJECTS

**Section 1.** To provide this State with an efficient organization, headed by International's representatives, the District Governors in the State, for the express purpose of advancing Lionism and providing proper administration throughout the State.

**Section 2.** In the Constitution and By-Laws of South Carolina Multiple District 32, Lions International, any reference to gender such as "he", "his", or "him" shall be understood to mean "he/she", "his/hers", "him/her" or the corresponding appropriate wording.

## ARTICLE III -"DISTRICT ORGANIZATION"

**Section 1.** Definitions: The territory of chartered Lions Clubs shall be divided into Districts and administrative units as provided herein.

- (a) A Single District is a defined territory in which the clubs may elect a District Governor.
- (b) A Sub-District is a District forming part of a Multiple District.
- (c) A Multiple District is a defined territory comprised of two or more Sub-Districts.
- (d) A Transitional District is a defined territory which has previously attained Single or

Sub-District status and currently has fewer than thirty-five (35) Lions Clubs in good standing or one thousand two hundred and fifty (1250) members in good standing g. From the time a District fails to meet these minimum requirements, it shall be allowed up to two (2) fiscal years to attain the requisite number of clubs and club members. In the event it shall fail to attain the same, the District shall automatically be designated a Transitional District.

**Section 2.** Membership of MD-32."

The membership of this organization shall consist of all Lions Clubs in the state duly chartered by Lions International and in good standing with Lions International.

The State of South Carolina shall consist of four Districts with designations and boundary lines as follows:

DISTRICT 32-A. All Clubs within the Counties of Anderson, Cherokee, Greenville, Oconee, Pickens and Spartanburg.

DISTRICT 32-B. All Clubs within the Counties of Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg,

Barnwell, Beaufort Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, Hampton, Jasper and Orangeburg.

DISTRICT 32-C. All Clubs within the Counties of Chesterfield, Clarendon, Darlington, Dill Florence, Georgetown, Horry Kershaw, Lancaster, Lee, Marion, Marlboro, Sumter and Williamsburg.

DISTRICT 32-D. All Clubs within the Counties of Abbeville, Chester, Edgefield, Fairfield Id, Greenwood, Laurens, Lexington, McCormick, Newberry, Richland, Saluda, Union and York.

If in the event any Club hereafter organized may be partly in one District and partly in another District, it shall be placed in the District of such Club's selection.

#### **ARTICLE IV - STATE OFFICERS**

**Section 1.** The officers of the State shall be the District Governors, the Council Chairman, the Vice Council Chairman, and the State Secretary-Treasurer.

#### **ARTICLE V - STATE COUNCIL**

**Section 1.** There shall be a State Council composed of all the District Governors in the State, the Council Chairman, the Council Vice Chairman and the State Secretary-Treasurer. The Council Chairman and Council Vice Chairman as long as he is a Past District Governor are voting members of the Council of Governors. In case of a tie vote, the motion will be considered defeated. The Secretary-Treasurer is an ex-officio member without vote except when serving in the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. In case of death or resignation of the Council Chairman, the Council Vice Chairman shall have the same authority as, and perform the duties of the Council Chairman.

**Section 2.** A majority of the State Council shall constitute a quorum.

**Section 3.** The Council Chairman shall call at least one (1) regular meeting of the State Council each quarter during the year with the first meeting to be held within thirty (30) days after the date on which the Governors officially take office or by July 31, whichever is later. The fourth quarter meeting shall provide for a joint session with the District Governors-Elect.

Special meetings of the State Council may be called by the Council Chairman at his discretion or shall be called upon written notice by two (2) members of the Council.

**Section 4.** Except where inconsistent with and contrary to the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation and the Constitution and By-Laws of the International Association of Lions Clubs, the powers granted therein to the Board of Directors of said Association, and the policies and acts of said Board of Directors, the State Council shall:

- a. Have jurisdiction and control over all officers and agents, when acting as such, of the State Council and all Committees of the State and State Convention;
- b. Have management and control over property, business and funds of the State;
- c. Have jurisdiction, control and supervision on over all phases of the State Convention and other meetings of the State;
- d. Have original jurisdiction, when authorized under policy of the International Board and under rules of procedure prescribed by the Board, to hear and rule upon any complaint of a Constitutional nature raised by any District or Districts, any Lions Club or any member of a Lions Club in the State. All such rulings shall be subject to review and decision of the International Board;
- \*e. If a Transitional District has less than a 5% increase in membership by the First of January, based on that year's beginning membership as shown by Lions Clubs International, Council shall call for a vote at the State Convention from all eligible registered voters on whether the Multiple District should maintain the transitional district status. If the Transitional District in question should reach 8% increase in membership by the First of the month in which a State Convention is W take place, no vote would be required for the District to maintain its Transitional Status. Once a Transitional District reaches a membership of 1200 plus, that District may stay in a transitional status as long as it shows a net increase in membership as of the first day of the month in which the State Convention is held.

If a "no" vote is given by the Multiple District for any of the above issues, then normal redistricting procedures will be followed.

\*f. Have control and management of all budgetary matters of the State and Committees of the State and State Convention. No obligation may be approved or made which shall effect an unbalanced budget or deficit in any fiscal year.

## **ARTICLE VI - ADVISORY BOARD**

**Section 1.** There shall be a State Advisory Board composed of all Past International Officers and Past District Governors in the State. This Board shall act in advisory capacity only to the State Council.

**Section 2.** The State Advisory Board shall hold an annual meeting at the time and place of holding the annual State Convention and shall meet at other times when and as called upon by the Chairman thereof or the State Council.

**Section 3.** The State Advisory Board in session during each annual State Convention shall elect from their number a Chairman, a Vice-chairman and a Secretary to serve for one year from the close of the annual Convention at which time they were elected until the close of the next succeeding annual Convention and until their successors are elected and qualified; in the case of death or resignation of said Chairman, the Vice-chairman shall have the same authority as, and perform the duties of the Chairman.

**Section 4.** The State Advisory Board in session during each annual State Convention shall select two of its members from each District for appointment to the International Liaison Advisory Committee by the incoming State Council (See Article IV, Section 1, of the By-Laws).

**Section 5.** The State Advisory Board shall hear and make recommendations by majority vote on all appeals referred to it by the State Council. Such appeals may be conducted by mail.

## **ARTICLE VIII - STATE CONVENTION**

**Section 1.** A Convention of this State shall be held each year not later than thirty (30) days prior to the date set for the International Convention, except in those years when the International Convention is held in the month of June the convention may be held not later than fifteen (15) days prior to the date set for the International Convention. The host of the State Convention shall rotate annually between the Districts in alphabetical order; the date, place and time to be fixed by the State Council.

**Section 2.** There shall be a State Convention Long Range Site Committee composed of four (4) members, one (1) from each District. The State Council shall appoint, at its first meeting, one member who shall serve for four (4) years without right to reappointment. Such appointment shall rotate among the Districts in alphabetical order. The Chairman shall rotate annually among the Districts.

This Committee shall:

- a. Maintain a file of locations in the State which are suitable to accommodate the delegates and convention functions. These locations should not be limited to hotels only. Cities having civic centers and auditoriums with adequate housing nearby and acceptable catering services shall be included. This file shall be updated annually with particular emphasis on room and meal prices.
- b. Meet annually at the State Convention to draw up a recommendation for the year following the years previously selected. While it is desirable for the Convention to be held in the Host District, this is not mandatory.

The Committee Chairman shall present the recommendation to the State Council at its first meeting.

**Section 3.** The State Council shall have supervision over all phases of the State Convention; shall have complete charge of the State Convention Administrative expenses as approved by the State Council.

**Section 4.** The members of the State Council shall be the officers of the annual State Convention.

**\*Section 5.** A meeting of each District in the State shall be held at the State Convention at which there shall be presented financial and other reports as directed by the District Governor.

**Section 6.** A Sergeant-at-Arms and such assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, as are deemed necessary for the State Convention, shall be appointed by the State Council.

**Section 7.** Each chartered Club in the State in good standing shall be entitled to one voting delegate and one alternate for each ten members of said Club, or major fraction thereof, as shown by the records of the

international Office on the first day of the month last preceding that month during which the Convention is held. The major fraction referred in this section shall be five or more members. Every Past District Governor in good standing in the State shall be a full delegate in his own right at any and all Conventions and shall have all privileges and rights as any other delegate, and the number of such Past District Governors delegates shall in not way affect the number of delegates or alternates to which each Club is entitled, and each Past District Governor attending any Convention shall be considered not as a delegate from his home club, but as a full delegate in his own right. Each such vote on any question can be cast only by a delegate present in person at the Convention, and no delegate shall cast more than one vote on each question; provided that all Lions in good standing shall be entitled to attend all Convention sessions and may be heard briefly only once on any pending question.

**Section 8.** A majority of the delegates in attendance shall constitute a quorum of the Convention.

**Section 9.** The State Council shall retain and have absolute power to change at any time, for good and sufficient reasons, without the State or individual Districts incurring any liability whatsoever the city or place of holding the State Convention

**Section 10.** The State Council may hold such other meetings and conventions of the members throughout the State as in its discretion it deems advisable provided that at least thirty (30) days written notice thereof be sent to the Clubs in the State.

## **ARTICLE VIII - SOUTH CAROLINA LIONS, INC.**

**\*Section 1.** There shall be an organization known as the "South Carolina Lions, Inc." It shall be governed by its own Constitution and. By-Laws, and the officers and directors shall be members in good standing of Lions Clubs in good standing.

## **ARTICLE IX - DISTRICT AND STATE REVENUE**

**Section 1.** An annual per capita tax of Five Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$5.50) shall be levied on each member in the Multiple District and shall be paid in advance by each Club in the Multiple District in two (2) semiannual payments as follows.: Two Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$2.75) per member on September 10th and Two Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$2.75) per member on March 10th of each year. Billings of same to be based on the roster of each Club as of the last day of June and the last day of December respectively. Said tax shall be collected from each Club by the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer of the District of which the Club is a member; excepting new and reorganized Clubs which shall pay a prorata per capita tax beginning the first day of the second month following the date of their organization.

**Section 2.** The semiannual revenue c received under Section I of this Article shall be distributed as follows:

South Carolina Lions, is, Inc.	\$1.10
State Secretary-Treasurer for:	
State Convention Fund	\$0.35
International Convention Fund	\$0.50
International Office Campaign Fund	\$0.30
State Administrative Fund	\$0.30
Council Chairman's Administrative Fund	\$0.10
Committee Fund	<u>\$0.10</u>
Total to State Secretary-Treasurer	<u>\$1.65</u>
Total	\$2.75

**Section 3.** District Administrative Fund: There shall be a fund in each District known as the District Administrative Fund. Revenue for this fund shall be collected and retained by the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer of each District. This fund shall be used only for such administrative expenses of the District as approved by the District Governor's Cabinet and for paying for the expenses of the District Governor to the International Convention and the -. USA-Canada Forum. Reimbursement for expenses of the District Governor to the International Convention shall not exceed the maximum allowed a District Governor-Elect of the Multiple District by Lions International, but shall be at the discretion of the District Cabinet contingent upon the availability of funds. The Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer shall submit an annual report to the delegates at the annual State Convention and shall give bond in such sum and sureties as may be required by the District Governor's Cabinet.

An annual per capita tax shall be levied on each member in each district and shall be paid in advance by each Club in the District in two (2) semi-annual payments on September 10th and March 10th of each year. Billings of same to be based on, the roster of each Club as of the last day of June and the last day of December, respectively. It shall be the responsibility of the District Governor's Cabinet at its fall meeting to propose the per capita tax to be levied during the following year. The proposed per capita tax shall be based on recommendations made by the District Finance Committee.

The proposed per capita tax shall be presented to all Clubs in writing by letter at least thirty (30) days prior to the State Convention or published in the PALMETTO LION in the month immediately preceding the month in which the Convention is to be held so as to give the Clubs the opportunity to study and consider the changes prior to the State Convention.

The per capita tax may be changed only at the District Meeting held at the State Convention by two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the delegates registered in the State Convention, present in person, qualified and voting. The approved per capita levy shall take effect with the beginning of the next fiscal year.

**\*Section 4.** State Convention Fund: There shall be a fund known as the State Convention Fund. Revenue for this fund shall be collected and turned over to the State Secretary-Treasurer as outlined in Sections 1 and 2 of this Article. This fund shall be used for defraying the State Convention Administrative expenses such as postage, prizes for contests, reporting official convention minutes, printing credentials

certificates, official convention programs, ballots, delegates and alternates registration cards, badges; to cover cost of entertainment provided and such other expenses as in the discretion of the State Council are deemed State Convention Administrative expenses. Said fund shall not be used for any other purpose and shall be expended only for items approved by the State Council. A detailed statement showing the financial condition of the - . State Convention Fund shall be included in, and become a part of the printed proceeding of each Annual I State Convention.

**Section 5.** International Convention Fund: There shall be a fund known as the International Convention Fund. Revenue for this fund shall be collected and turned over to the State Secretary-Treasurer as outlined in Section 1 and 2 of this Article. This fund shall be use for the sole purpose of having an exhibit at the International Convention, having band and/or float in the International Convention Parade and for such other activities as will bring favorable publicity to our State. This fund shall not be used for the purpose of promoting a candidate for International Office or for any other purpose other than stated above and shall be expended only for items approved by the State Council.

PROVIDED, that the Chairman of the International Convention Committee shall submit an annual report to the delegates at the State Convention.

**Section 6.** International Office Campaign Fund: There shall be a fund known as the International Office Campaign Fund. Revenue for this fund shall be collected and turned over to the State Secretary-Treasurer as outlined in Sections 1 and 2 of this Article. This fund shall be used for the sole purpose of promoting a South Carolina Candidate for International Office. Unless other means of raising funds for a campaign are authorized by the State Council, no other funds shall be used for any campaign. These funds shall, from year to year, be invested in a prudent manner as approved by the State Council and shall be withdrawn and used only for those campaign items approved by the State Council.

**Section 7.** State Administrative Fund: There shall be a fund known as the State Administrative Fund. Revenue for this fund shall be collected and turned over to the State Secretary-Treasurer as outlined in Sections 1 and 2 of this Article. This fund shall be set up in a special account and shall be used for the purpose of defraying State Administrative expenses and the expenses of the State Secretary-Treasurer in the performance of the duties of his office. Such expenses may include the cost of office supplies and services, official travel and expenses of the State Secretary-Treasurer to the State and International Conventions. Reimbursement for expenses to the State Secretary-Treasurer to the International Convention shall not exceed the maximum allowed a District Governor Elect of the State by Lions International. All expenditures from this fund shall be subject to approval of the State Council at its periodic meetings. The State Secretary-Treasurer shall submit an annual report to the delegates at the State Convention, and shall give bond in such sum and sureties as may be required by the State Council.

**\*Section 8.** Council Chairman's Administrative Fund: There shall be a fund known as the Council Chairman's Administrative Fund revenue for this fund shall be collected and turned over to the State Secretary-Treasurer as outlined in Sections I and 2 of this Article. This fund shall be set up in a special account and shall be used for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Council Chairman in the performance of the duties of that office, and/or defraying the expenses of the Vice Council Chairman when serving in the absence of the Council Chairman. Such expenses shall be limited to office supplies and services, and official travel an expenses of the Council Chairman to attend Council meetings, District

Mid-Winter Rallies, International Conventions, and USA\Canada Forums. Total funding for the year cannot exceed funds within the Council Chairman's budget. Reimbursement for travel shall not exceed those allowed the District Governors by Lions International's Rules of Audit. All expenditures from this fund shall be subject to approval of the State Council at its periodic meetings. The State Secretary-Treasurer shall submit a report of the funds activity to the delegates at the State Convention.

**Section 9.** Committee Fund: There shall be a fund known as the Multiple District 32 Committee Fund. Revenues for this fund shall be collected and turned over to the State Secretary-Treasurer as outlined in Sections 1 and 2 of this Article. This fund shall be used to defray the cost of conduction training seminars and/or promoting membership and leadership development within Multiple District 32. Budgets shall be prepared by committees using these funds and submitted to State Council for approval.

**Section 10.** Life Member: A onetime charge, specified below, shall be levied against the Club of a Life Member in lieu of all future dues to the District and the Multiple District, and collected from the Club by the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer of the District of which the Club is a member. That charge shall be the sum of (i) ten times the annual per capita tax specified in Section 1. above (to be distributed in the ratio of the amounts shown in Section 2) and (ii) ten times the annual per capita tax levied per Section 3. above (to be deposited in the District Administrative Fund).

**Section 11.** Audit of District and State Revenue Funds: The State Council shall appoint, or cause to be appointed, necessary Committees for the purpose of auditing District and State Revenue Funds mentioned in Sections 3,4,5, 6,7, and 8 of this Article. These funds shall be audited at the end of the fiscal year, and the report shall be forwarded to the State Secretary-Treasurer for the inclusion in the minutes of the State Convention held in that year. Reports made at the annual State Convention shall be interim reports and for information only.

## **ARTICLE X - DISTRICT OFFICERS**

**Section 1.** The Officers of each District shall be the District Governor, who shall be the presiding officer, the Immediate Past District Governor, the Vice District Governor, the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer, the Region Chairmen and the Zone Chairmen.

**\*Section 2.** The District Governor of each District shall be elected, and a Vice District Governor shall be elected, at the annual District Mid-Winter as provided in the International Constitution and shall take office immediately on adjournment of the International Convention next succeeding his election, serving until the adjournment of the next International Convention. However, in case of a Transitional District, the District Governor will be selected as follows: The District Advisory Committee of the now Transitional District, made up of Past International Directors, and Past District Governors who are members in good standing of a chartered Lions Club in good standing in the Transitional District, will meet for the purpose of recommending their choice of District Governor from said district. It shall be the duty of the Immediate Past District Governor (or if he/she is not available, the most recent Past District Governor who is available) to send out invitations to attend said meeting; it shall be his/her responsibility to preside as chairman of said meeting. It is the duty of the chairman to convey the results to the International Board of Directors, together with evidence of invitations sent and attendance at said meeting. Each Lion who is

entitled to receive an invitation to attend and is present at said meeting shall be entitled to cast one vote for the Lion of his/her choice as the recommended for the appointment to the office of District Governor.

**Section 3.** The District Governor shall appoint by the time he officially takes office, one Region Chairman in each Region of his District.

**Section 4.** The District Governor shall appoint by the time he officially takes office, one Zone Chairman in each Zone of his District.

**Section 5.** Each officer appointed by the District Governor shall be a member in good standing of a chartered Lions Club with the District

**Section 6.** Any vacancy in any District Office, except the District Governor, shall be filled by the District Governor for the unexpired term thereof.

**Section 7.** There shall be no salary paid to any officer of any District in this State; nor shall any officer of this State be paid a salary, except that the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer of the District may be paid not exceeding Six Dollars (\$6.00) per month by authority of the District Governor's Cabinet in such District, provided there are current funds sufficient to pay the same.

## **ARTICLE XI - DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S CABINET**

**Section 1.** There shall be a District Governor's Cabinet in each District composed of the District Governor as its presiding officer, the Immediate Past District Governor, the Vice District Governor, the Region Chairmen, the Zone Chairmen and the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer.

**Section 2.** In the event the Vice District Governor shall during the term of office move into a District other than the one from which elected the term of office of such Vice District Governor shall terminate immediately and the successor for the remaining term shall be appointed by the District Governor.

**Section 3.** In the event any Region Chairman shall during his term of office move into a Region other than the one from which he was appointed, the term of office of such Region Chairman shall terminate immediately and his successor for the remaining term shall immediately be appointed by the District Governor.

**Section 4.** The District Governor shall appoint a Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer, who shall be a member of the same Lions Club of which the District Governor is a member, or of a Lions Club in close proximity thereto. This cabinet Secretary-Treasurer shall be a member of the District Governor's Cabinet.

**Section 5.** A majority of the District Governor's Cabinet shall constitute a quorum.

**Section 6.** The District Governor shall I call at least one regular meeting of the District Governor's Cabinet each quarter during the year, and the first of these meetings shall be held within thirty (30) days

after the adjournment of the preceding International Convention or by July 31, whichever is later. Written notice of the meetings of the District Governor's Cabinet shall be given to each member by the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer. Special meetings of the District Governor's Cabinet may be called by the District Governor at his discretion or shall be called upon written request made either to the District Governor or to the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer by a majority of the members of the Cabinet.

Reasonable written or telegraphic notice of special meetings of the District Governor's Cabinet shall be given to each member by the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer.

## **ARTICLE XII - DISTRICT ORGANIZATION**

**\*Section 1.** Each District shall be divided by its District Governor into Regions of no more than sixteen (16) but not fewer than ten (10) Lions Clubs each, due regard having been given to the geographical locations of the Clubs and shall be subject to change by the District Governor as is deemed necessary for the best interest of Lionism and the individual Lions Clubs.

**\*Section 2.** Each Region shall be divided by the District Governor into Zones, which Zones shall be composed of no more than eight (8) but not fewer than four (4) Lions Clubs each, due regard having been given to the geographical locations of the Clubs and shall be subject to change by the District Governor as it is deemed necessary for the best interest of Lionism and the individual Lions Clubs.

**Section 3.** Meetings of all member Clubs in a Region shall be designated and known as Regional Meetings, and Regional Meetings shall be held throughout the District during the year at times and places to be fixed by the Region Chairmen and Zone Chairmen of the respective Regions, with the Region Chairman in active charge. Such Regional Meetings shall be so arranged and of such number as will make it possible and convenient for the members of each Club in the District to attend at least one of such meetings each year. All such Regional Meetings shall be under the supervision of the District Governor.

**Section 4.** Meetings of all the member Clubs in the Zone shall be designated and known as Zone Meetings, and Zone Meeting held throughout the District during the year at times and places fixed by the Zone Chairman of each individual Zone, who shall be in active charge under the supervision of the Region Chairman of the Region of which the Zone is a part. Such Zone Meetings shall be so arranged and of such number as will make it possible and convenient for the members of each Club in each Zone to attend at least two of such meetings each year.

## **ARTICLE XIII - DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Section 1.** There shall be a District Governor's Advisory Committee in each Zone composed of the Zone Chairman and the Presidents and Secretaries of the Clubs in the Zone.

**Section 2.** In the event any Zone Chairman shall during his term of office move into a Zone other than the one from which he was appointed, the term of office of such Zone Chairman shall terminate immediately, and his successor for the remaining term shall be appointed by the District Governor.

**Section 3.** The Zone Chairman in each particular Zone shall call no fewer than three (3) quarterly meetings of his District Governor's advisory Committee during the year, and the first of these meetings shall be held within ninety (90) days- after the adjournment of the preceding International Convention.

#### **ARTICLE XIV - DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S HONORARY COMMITTEE**

**Section 1.** There may in each District be a District Governor's Honorary Committee. The membership of this committee shall consist of Past International Officers, Past International Directors and Past District Governors within the District; and membership of this Committee shall be appointed by the District Governor. The Immediate Past District Governor may be Chairman of this Committee.

**Section 2.** This District Governor's Honorary Committee shall meet when and as called upon by the District Governor to do so.

#### **ARTICLE XV - AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION**

**Section 1.** This Constitution may be ended only at the State Convention by resolution reported by the Committee on Constitution and By Laws at such annual meeting and adopted by two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of delegates register in the State Convention, present in person, qualified and voting. Each amendment shall take effect at the close of the State Convention at which adopted unless otherwise specified in the amendment.

**Section 2.** All proposed amendment to this Constitution shall be presented to all Clubs in Multiple District 32 in writing by letter at thirty (30) days prior to the State Convention or published in the PALMETTO LION in the month immediately preceding the month in which the State Convention is to be held so as to give the clubs an opportunity to study and consider them prior to the State Convention. No amendments will be considered which have not been submitted to the Clubs pursuant here-to. However, changes may be proposed and adopted at the State Convention at which such proposed amendments are being considered.

#### **ARTICLE XVI - (NEW ARTICLE ) LIONS INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION CONFLICTS**

**Section 1.** Further provided that notwithstanding all of the above, where any of the article of the Constitution or By-Laws is in conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws of the International Association of Lions Clubs, the rules and regulations of the International Association will govern.

## **BY-LAWS**

### **ARTICLE I - STATE OFFICERS NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS.**

**\*Section 1.** Council Chairman and Vice Council Chairman: Immediately upon adoption of these changes in the Constitution and By-Laws, the following process, outlined in this Article I, Section 1, paragraphs a, b, and c, will be used to elect a Council Chairman and Vice Council Chairman for the first year of to elect a C implementation and when the current Vice Council Chairman may not be able to succeed to the office of the Council Chairman. In such years hen both offices must be filled by election, the Council Chairman, at the direction of the District Gove ors, will so notify the Chairman of the State Advisory Board who will then instruct the Council Chairman Nominating Committee to submit four (4) nominees per this Section 1, paragraph a below.

**\*a.** The Chairman of the State Advisory Board shall appoint a Council Chairman Nominating Committee no later than thirty (30) days after e close of the annual Convention of Lions International. Such nominating Committee shall include t least one Past District Governor from each District and one Past District Governor from the Multiple Districts At-Large, an ex-officio member to serve as Chairman, without vote except in case of a tie vote of the Committee. The Committee members names, addresses and telephone numbers will be print in the PALMETTO LION at least six (6) months prior to the State Convention to allow time for input from any Lion in the Multiple District. The Council Chairman Nominating Committee shall submit the names of four (4) or more eligible Past District Governors all of whom shall have indicated their willingness to serve, if elected, to the State Advisory Board at its annual meeting. (Since the Council Chairman does not take office until after the close of the International Convention, current District Governor would be eligible to be nominated.)

**\*b.** The State Advisory Board, in session on during the annual meeting, shall select by secret ballot three (3) nominees from those presented by the Council Chairman Nominating Committee and/or those nominations from the floor to be resented to the District Governors-Elect and the Vice District Governors-Elect for election as Council Chairman-Elect and Vice Council Chairman-Elect. (Additional nominations will be allowed from the floor and if there are additional nominations, each must express their willingness to serve, if elected.) Each candidate, to qualify as a nominee to be Council Chairman-Elect or Vice Council Chairman-Elect must receive a simple majority of votes of those casting ballots. Those abstaining shall be included in total only if they cast a properly marked ballot.

**\*c.** The Multiple District Council chairman shall be elected by the District Governors-Elect by secret ballot from the three (3) nominees presented by the State Advisory Board. The first nominee to receive a simple majority of votes cast by the District Governors-Elect will qualify as Council Chairman-Elect. After the election of the Council Chairman the Vice Council Chairman shall be elected from the two (2) remaining nominees by the Vice District Governors-Elect. The nominee to receive a simple majority of votes cast by the Vice District Governors-Elect will qualify as the Vice Council Chairman-Elect. In the event of a tie for the Council Chair or the Vice Council Chairman, the outgoing Council Chairman will be called into the meeting to cast a vote to break the tie.

**\*d.** The Council Chairman and th Vice Council Chairman shall take office at the close of the International Convention.

**\*e.** In case the office of Council Chairman becomes vacant during the term of office, the Vice Council Chairman will serve the balance of the unexpired term. In case the office of Vice Council Chairman becomes vacant during the term, the State Council shall appoint a Past District Governor to serve the balance of the unexpired term.

**f.** For the sole purpose of electing a Council Chairman and Vice Council Chair-man, the Current District Governors shall be considered a part f the State Advisory Board.

**g.** If elected, a Council Chairman may serve one year and not serve in that capacity again. A Vice Chairman, serving the unexpired term. of a Council Chairman, may be nominated and considered for a full term.

**h.** An elected Vice Council Chairman will succeed to the office of Council Chairman upon an affirmative vote by the District Governors-Elect. This vote will be taken at least thirty (30) days prior to the State Convention in order that a Vice Council Chairman may be elected in accordance with Section 1, paragraphs a, b, and c above, if the current Vice Council Chairman is not affirmed by the District Governors-Elect.

**i.** When the current elected Vice Council Chairman is affirmed by the District Governors-Elect and expected to succeed to the office of the Council Chairman, the incoming Vice Council Chairman will be elected according to the procedures in Section 1, paragraphs a, b, and c above with the following exceptions:

1). In Section 1, paragraph a above, the Council Chairman Nominating Committee will submit three (3) or more names to the State Advisory Board.

2). In Section 1, paragraph b above, the State Advisory Board shall select two (2) nominees to be presented to the Vice District Governors-Elect for election as Vice Council Chairman-Elect.

3). In Section 1, paragraph c above, the Vice Council Chairman shall be elected by the Vice District Governors-Elect by secret ballot from the two (2) nominees presented by the State Advisory Board.

Section 2. The Executive Director of the South Carolina Lions, Inc. shall serve as the State Secretary Treasurer.

## **ARTICLE II - DISTRICT NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

**Section 1.** Each District Governor hall appoint, and they receive notification of their appointment not more than sixty (60) days after the close of the International Convention, a Nominating Committee of not more than five (5) members who s 11 each be a member of a different regularly chartered Lions Club within the District and shall not at t e time of their appointment hold any State, District or International office.

**\*Section 2.** The personnel of these committees with their addresses shall be included in the official call for the respective annual District NE -Winter Meeting.

**\*Section 3.** The Nominating Committee shall receive the written nomination of any member in good standing for District Governor, an or Vice District Governor if to be elected, provided that the nomination is endorsed by a majority of the members in good standing of his club. The written nominations must be received by the Nominating Committees no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the respective District Mid-Winter meeting. Each Nominating Committee shall nominate and report to its respective District at the Mid-Winter Meeting the names of such nominees as have been qualified. Nominations for the office of District Governor and/or Vice District Governor if elected, may be made from the floor of the District Mid-Winter Meeting in the event that no nominations were received within forty-five (45) days prior to the District Mid-Winter Meeting. Nominating speeches shall be limited to one of not over five (5) minutes duration, and one seconding speech of not over three (3) minutes duration. Nominees must meet the qualifications requirements of the International Constitution.

**Section 4.** The election shall be by secret written ballot, and the candidate receiving the largest number of the votes cast shall be declared elect . If there shall be only one nominee, a voice vote may be taken.

**Section 5.** In the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of District Governor, the vacancy shall be filled in accordance with the provisions of the International Constitution.

**"Section 6.** A district under Transitional status as defined by Lions Clubs International would have its District Governor selected by the District Advisory Committee and that choice forwarded to Lions Clubs International for approval."

### **ARTICLE III - DUTIES**

**\*Section 1.** District Governor: The District Governor shall preside at all meetings of the Cabinet, and as executive shall supervise the work d activities of his District and shall perform such other duties as pertain to that office, and as set forth in the International Constitution and By-Laws. In the event of the absence of the District Governor at a Cabinet Meeting, the Vice District Governor will perform the duties of the District Governor If the Vice District Governor is unable to serve in the absence of the District Governor, the District Governor's met by resolution shall appoint one of its members to perform the duties of the District Governor at the meeting. The District Governor shall have authority to dismiss any Region Chairman, Zone Chairman o any other officer appointed by him for good and sufficient reason.

**Section 2.** Vice District Governor: The Vice. District Governor, subject to supervision and direction of the District Governor shall be chi administrative assistant to the District Governor. The specific responsibilities shall be to:

- a. further the Purposes and objects of this Association;
- b. become familiar with the duties of the District Governor so in the event of a vacancy in the office of District Governor - to be able to assume the duties and responsibilities of said office;

- c. perform such administrative duties as may be assigned by the District Governor; and
- d. perform such other functions and acts as may be required of said office by the International Board of Directors through the Vice District Governor's Manual and other directives.

**\*Section 3.** Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer: Under the supervision and direction of the District Governor and his Cabinet, the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Cabinet and shall within fifteen (15) days after each meeting forward copies of the minutes of same to all members of the Cabinet and the office of Lions International. He shall assist the District Governor and the Cabinet in conducting the business of the District and shall perform such duties as are specified or implied in the Constitution and By-Laws of this Organization or as may be assigned to him from time to time by the Cabinet. He shall sign all notices and documents issued by the District, keep the accounts, receive all monies paid to the District, and shall make an annual report to the Cabinet at its meeting immediately proceeding the State Convention and at such other times as said Cabinet may require.

He shall deposit all monies received by him in such bank, or banks, as may be designated by the Cabinet and shall present a financial report during the business meeting of his own District at the annual Convention. He shall also furnish the State Secretary-Treasurer a supplementary report of any expenses not covered in his annual report during the Convention. This supplementary report must be furnished the State Secretary-Treasurer prior to the publication of the minutes so that it will become a part of the minutes of the annual Convention. He shall turn over to the State Secretary-Treasurer the State Convention Fund, International Convention Fund, International Office Campaign Fund, the State Administrative Fund, and the Council Chairman's Administrative Fund collected in the District and secure a proper receipt therefor. He shall turn over to the Treasurer of the South Carolina Lions, Inc. (SCL) the revenue received in the District for SCL. and secure proper receipt therefor. His accounts, books and records shall be at all times open to the inspection of the Cabinet, The District Governor and any auditors named by the Cabinet. He shall give bond for the faithful performance of his duties in such sum and sureties as may be required by the District Governor's Cabinet.

**Section 4.** State Secretary-Treasurer: Under the supervision and direction of the State Council, the State Secretary-Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Council and shall within fifteen (15) days after each meeting forward copies of the minutes of such meetings to all members of the Council and the office of Lions International. He shall also be responsible for the recording of the minutes of the annual State Convention and for the distribution thereof. He shall assist the State Council in conducting the business of the District and shall perform such duties as are specified or implied in this Constitution and By-Laws or as may be assigned to him from time to time by the Council.

Under the supervision and direction of the State Council, the State Secretary-Treasurer shall have control of receipts and disbursements as regards the State Convention Administrative Fund which is turned over to him by the various Cabinet Secretary-Treasurers of the State (See Article IX of the Constitution). He shall deposit all monies received by him in such bank or banks as may be designated by the Council and shall disburse the same by order of the Council. His accounts, books and records shall be open to inspection of

the Council at all times, He shall give bond for faithful performance of his duties in such sum and sureties as may be required by the State Council.

**Section 5.** Region Chairman: The Region Chairman shall be a member of the District Governor's Cabinet and shall attend the regular and special meetings and deliberations of the Cabinet. He shall assist the District Governor in his Region by performing such other duties as may be delegated to him from time to time by the District Governor and the District Governor's Cabinet. He shall visit each Club in his Region at least once during his term of office. It shall be his duty to see that every Club in his Region is efficiently operating under the Lions International Club Standard Organization Plan. It shall be his duty to promote: the annual State and International Conventions among the Clubs in his Region, and he shall endeavor to have them represented at each of these Conventions by at least the full quotas of delegates to which they are entitled. He shall supervise and assist the Zone Chairmen of his Region in the performance of their official duties, and he shall cooperate with their holding regularly scheduled meetings of the District Governor's 'ms Advisory Committees. He shall also cooperate with his Zone Chairmen in arranging Zone meetings to which any Lion in the zone are invited, and he may attend same when called upon to do so. He shall further cooperate with his Zone Chairmen in promoting attendance at Charter Nights of newly organized Clubs. In order to further develop good fellowship in his Region, he shall cooperate with his Zone Chairmen in promoting such social activities as golf, bowling and softball tournaments, banquets and anniversary celebrations; special functions such as meetings in observance of District Governor Week, honoring Key and Master Key Members, Old Monarchs, etc., installation of officers, induction of new members, ladies' nights, outings and other similar functions. The official actions of the Region Chairman shall be under the supervision of the District Governor.

In the event the Region Chairman for any reason cannot or does not efficiently and the best of interest of Lionism perform the duties of his office, or in the event the office is for any reason vacated, the District Governor shall appoint a successor to serve the unexpired term.

**Section 6.** Zone Chairman: The Zone Chairman shall be a member of the District Governor's Cabinet shall be a member and Chairman of the District Governor's Advisory Committee (composed of Club Presidents and Secretaries) of his Zone. The Zone Chairman shall hold regularly Advisory Committee Meetings, the first of which shall held within ninety (90) days after the preceding International Convention. He shall in report of each Advisory Committee Meeting and send copies within five (5) days thereafter to his District Governor, Region Chairman and the office of Lions International. It shall be his duty to see that every club within his Zone is efficiently operating under the Lions International Club Standard Organizational Plan. He shall arrange, with the cooperation of his Region Chairman, regular scheduled Zone Meetings (meetings to which all Lions in the Zone are invited), and he shall be the presiding officer of the meeting. He shall encourage the Clubs in his Zone to hold inter-club meetings (meetings of Lions Clubs with other Lions Clubs) and such other social activities as golf, bowling and softball tournaments, banquets and anniversary celebrations; special functions such as meetings in observance of District Governor Week, honoring Key and Master Key Members, Old Monarchs, etc., installation of officers, induction of new members, ladies' nights, outings and other similar functions. He shall visit each Club in his Zone at least once during his term of office, he shall promote attendance at Charter Nights of newly organized Clubs. It shall be his duty to promote the annual State and International Conventions among the Clubs in his Zone, and he shall endeavor to have them represented at each of these Conventions by at least the full quotas of delegates to which they are entitled.

The official actions of the Zone Chairman shall be under the supervision of the District Governor and of the Region Chairman of the Region in which his e is a part. In the event the Zone Chairman for any reason cannot or does not efficiently and to the best interest of Lionism perform the duties of his office, or in the event the office is for any reason vacated, the District Governor shall appoint a successor to serve for the unexpired term.

**Section 7.** State Council: The State Council is the deliberate and assisting body on the formulation of administrative plans and policies affecting the State, including the annual State Convention. It shall make all contracts and approve all bills relating to the State Convention administrative expenses. It shall designate a depository of said fund and set the amount of corporate surety bond for State Secretary-Treasurer and approve the surety company with which he shall be bonded. It shall demand and receive from the State Secretary-Treasurer financial reports, semi-annually or more frequently, if necessary and shall make provisions for an audit at the end of the fiscal year of the books and accounts of the State Secretary-Treasurer. It shall, in the event of a surplus being left in the State Convention Administrative Fund make provisions for placing same in the hands of the succeeding State Council. When deemed or found necessary, it shall recommend t the State convention changes pertaining to the amount of State per capita tax collected for administrative expense of the District and/or State Convention Administrative Fund tax. It shall appoint a Sergeant-at-Arms and such Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms for the State Convention as are deemed necessary.

**Section 8.** Council Chairman: The Council Chairman, an ex-officio member of the State Council, shall serve as the administrative officer but will vote on issues before the State Council only when there is a tie vote of the District Governors. The Council Chairman shall 11 meetings of the State Council as prescribed in ARTICLE V, Section 3 of the Constitution. While all District Governors may correspond with Lions International as they have need, the Council Chairman will be the official co tact for Multiple District 32. The Council Chairman will assist the District Governors in their responsibilities at the State Convention but will not replace them in their traditional role as representatives of their Districts. The Council Chairman, by virtue of position will not automatically preside at Convention sessions since these matters HI be decided by the State Council in their regular meetings.

**\*Section 9.** Vice Council Chairman: e Vice Council Chairman, subject to supervision and direction of the Council Chairman, shall be the chief aassistant to the Council Chairman. The specific responsibilities shall be to:

- \*a). Perform such administrative duties may be assigned by the Council Chairman;
- \*b). Become familiar with the duties o the Council Chairman so in the event of a vacancy in the office of the Council Chairman to be able to assume duties and responsibilities of said office;
- \*c). Perform such other functions and ac as may be required by Lions Clubs International.

**\*Section 10.** District Governor's Cabinet: The District Governor's Cabinet is the deliberate and assisting body to the District Governor in the formulation f administrative plans and policies affecting the welfare of Lionism within the District. It shall serve in an advisory and administrative capacity only. Through the Region Chairmen it shall receive reports and recommendations which emulate from and concern the Clubs and Zones in the respective Regions of the Region Chairmen. It shall use the collection of all

stipulated per capita tax pertaining to this Organization by the Cabinet Secretary and it shall designate a depository for all said funds. Annually, it shall recommend to the Clubs in the District the per capita tax levy for the District Administrative Fund. It shall neither make or approve any obligations shall effect an unbalanced budget or deficit in any fiscal year. It shall authorize the payment, out of funds of the District, of all legitimate expenses pertaining to the administration of the affairs of the District. It shall set the amount of the corporate surety bond for the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer and shall approve the surety company with whom he shall be bonded. It shall demand of and receive from the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer financial reports -annually or more frequently, if necessary. It shall make provisions for an audit, at the end of the fiscal year, of the books and accounts of the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer, a copy of which shall be mailed to every club in the District, to the District Governor, the Vice District Governor if elected, the Region Chairman, Zone Chairmen and the office of Lions International. It shall receive such other reports from the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer as are found necessary from time to time. At the first meeting of this Cabinet there shall be agreed upon a definite schedule of Cabinet Meetings to be held during the year and, in so far as possible, definite dates and places of such meetings.

**\*Section 11.** District Governor's Advisory Committee: This Committee is an advisory body from its Zone to District Governor and his Cabinet, and it represents all of the Clubs in the Zone in this capacity. It shall serve in an advisory and administrative capacity only. From the Club Presidents and Secretaries, which Club officers with Zone Chairman constitute its membership, this Committee shall receive recommendations affecting the welfare of Lionism and Clubs of the Zone. It shall relay to the District Governor and his Cabinet, through its Region Chairman, information and recommendations affecting the welfare of Lionism in its Zone, its Region and the District. It shall hold at least three (3) quarterly meetings. It shall assist the Zone Chairman in his endeavor to have every Club in the Zone operating efficiently under the Lions International Club Standard Organization Plan. It shall promote attendance from the Clubs in the Zone at the annual State and International Conventions. It shall assist the Zone Chairman in promoting among the Clubs of the Zone inter-club meetings (meetings of Lions Clubs with other Lions Clubs) and such other social activities as golf, bowling and softball tournaments, banquets and anniversary celebrations; special functions such as meetings in observance of District Governor Week, honoring Key and Master Key Members, Old Monarchs, etc., installation of officers, induction of new members, ladies' night, outings and other similar functions.

**\*Section 12.** District Governor's Honorary Committee: The chief mission of this Committee shall be to promote harmony throughout the District. In this connection, the members of this Committee shall be known as "Ambassadors of Good Will." The Chairman of this Committee shall attend meetings of the District Governor's Cabinet when and as called upon by the District Governor to do so, and the Chairman may be an ex-officio member of the District Governor's Cabinet. The official actions of this Committee or of its individual members shall be under the supervision of the District Governor.

**\*Section 13.** Sergeant-at-Arms: The Sergeant-at-Arms shall be responsible for the maintenance of proper order and decorum at the annual State Convention and shall perform such other duties as are incident to that office.

## ARTICLE IV - COMMITTEES

**Section 1.** At the first meeting the new State Council shall appoint an International Liaison Advisory Committee of two (2) Past District Governors from each District in the State, the Chairman of which shall be designated by the State Council. At its regular meeting during the State Convention, the State Advisory Board shall select two (2) of its members from each District for appointment on the Committee by the incoming State Council. The purpose of this Committee shall be to promote the interest of South Carolina Lions Clubs in the International Association and to counsel and advise the State Council and candidates for International Office.

**Section 2.** There shall be an International Convention Committee composed of four (4) members, one from each District. The State Council shall appoint ' at its first meeting, one (1) member who shall serve for a period of four (4) years. Such appointment shall rotate among the Districts in alphabetical order. No member shall be eligible for reappointment. **The Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall rotate annually among the Districts.** The duties of this Committee shall be to arrange for any and all State Lions Activities at the International Convention, which **will include the State Breakfast, entries and participation in parades**, if and when advisable, working with the International Advisory Committee in promoting a candidate for International Office, **establishing** and maintaining a State **hospitality room** or booth and arranging for gifts to **the incoming District Governors and members of the International Family**, if and when advisable. This Committee shall hold at least two (2) meetings during the year, place and time to be determined by the Chairman thereof One meeting is to be held prior to the second meeting of the State Council in order to determine a choice of gifts for the International Family and items to be used as Convention favors. It shall present to the State Council at its second meeting a variety of items from which the Council shall make its selection. A second meeting shall be held prior to the third meeting of the State Council in order that the Committee might present full Convention plans to the Council for its approval at that time. Reimbursement to the members for actual cost in attending these meetings shall be considered an authorized expenditure against the International Convention Fund. The Chairman of this Committee shall be entitled to all or a portion of his expenses to the International Convention, paid at the discretion of the State Council and provided that funds are available.

**Section 3.** Prior to the first meeting of the new State Council each District Governor shall appoint an Extension Committee of three (3) members who shall each be a member of a different regularly chartered Lions Club within the District. The Chairman of all these Extension Committees shall compose the State Extension Committee. The Chairman of the State Committee shall rotate annually among the Districts in alphabetical order. The purpose o the District Extension Committee shall be to assist the District Governor in organization of new Clubs, in strengthening weak Clubs or assisting in any way possible in the furtherance of Lionism in the District and State.

**Section 4.** Prior to the first meeting of the new State Council each District Governor shall appoint a District Credentials Committee composed of the Immediate Past District Governor, as Chairman, and four (4) members who shall each be a member of a different regularly chartered Lions Club within the District. The Immediate Past District Governors shall constitute the State Credentials Committee, the Chairman of which shall rotate annually among the Districts in alphabetical order.

**\*Section 5.** At the first State Council Meeting the Governors shall appoint the following Committees: (1) Activities, (2) Constitution and By-Laws, (3) Leo Clubs, (4) Lioness Clubs, (5) Membership Development, (6) Resolution, (7) Rules, and (8) Youth. Each District in the State shall have at least one representative on each of the Committees. The Chairman of these Committees shall rotate annually among the Districts in alphabetical order.

The State Council shall appoint a State Convention Committee or Committees for the ensuing year or years, as deemed advisable, ties to be established by the State Council. The District Governor of the Host District shall select = recommend to the State Council for approval, the Host Club or Clubs for the Convention to be held in his District and shall also recommend the Lion to be appointed as General Chairman of the Convention. The Host Club or Clubs shall name the members of the State Convention Committee. The General Chairman shall give bond in such sums and sureties as may be required by the State Council.

**Section 6.** From time to time each District Governor shall appoint such special District Committees as may be necessary in his judgment.

**Section 7.** Each District Governor shall designate the Chairman of each committee appointed by him and shall have power to fill all vacancies in any Committee so appointed.

**Section 8.** The State Council shall have power to fill all vacancies in any Committee appointed by it under provisions of this Constitution and By-Laws and shall appoint such special Committees as may be necessary in its judgment.

## **ARTICLE V - RULES FOR CONVENTION PROCEDURES**

**Section 1.** The State Council shall arrange a program for the State Convention, and the same shall be the order of the day for all sessions.

## **ARTICLE VI - FISCAL YEAR**

**Section 1.** The fiscal year of this State shall be from July 1st to June 30, inclusive, of each year.

## **ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS**

**Section 1.** These By-Laws may be amended only at the State Convention by resolution reported by the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws at such annual meeting and adopted by two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the delegates registered in the State Convention, present in person, qualified and voting. Each amendment shall take effect at the close of the State Convention at which adopted unless otherwise specified in the amendment.

**\*Section 2.** All proposed amendments to these By-Laws shall be presented to all Clubs in Multiple District 32 in writing by letter at least thirty (30) days prior to the State Convention or published in the PALMETTO LION in the month immediately preceding the month in which the State convention is to be held so as to give the Clubs an opportunity to study and consider them prior to the State Convention. No amendments will be considered which have not been submitted to the Clubs pursuant heretofore. However, changes may be proposed and adopted at the State Convention at which such proposed amendments are being considered.

CERTIFICATE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing Constitution and By-Laws were duly adopted by more than a two-thirds affirmative vote of the delegates registered in the State Convention of District 32, State of South Carolina, Lions International, who were present in person, qualified and voting at Greenville, South Carolina, the 8th day of June A.D., 1939 and includes all amendments properly adopted through April , 2000.

ATTEST:

FOR THE STATE COUNCIL

Richard E. Black, Jr.  
State Secretary-Treasurer

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