

# **INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS**

## **DISTRICT A-15 CONSTITUTION**

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## **ARTICLE I – NAME**

This organization shall be known as District A-15, a Sub-District of Multiple District “A”, Lions Clubs International, hereinafter referred to as “District”. Whenever the male gender or pronoun presently appears in this constitution it shall be interpreted to mean both male and female.

## **ARTICLE II - OBJECT**

To provide an administrative structure with which to advance the Purposes of Lions Clubs International in District A-15.

## **ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

The members of this organization shall be all Lions Clubs in District A-15 duly chartered by Lions Clubs International. Any change in District A-15 boundary lines must be approved by a vote at a Multiple District “A” Convention and approved by the Board of Directors of Lions Clubs International.

The boundary lines of District A-15 shall be those approximately indicated on the Ontario Provincial road map held by the District A-15 Secretary.

## **ARTICLE IV - DISTRICT ORGANIZATION**

### **Section 1 - OFFICERS**

The officers of the district shall be the District Governor, the Immediate Past District Governor, the First and Second Vice District Governors, the Region Chairpersons (if the position is utilized during the District Governor’s term), the Zone Chairpersons, a Cabinet Secretary-treasurer or a Cabinet Secretary and a Cabinet Treasurer. Each such officer shall be a member in good standing of a Lions club in good standing in the district.

### **Section 2 - ELECTION/APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT OFFICERS**

The District Governor and First and Second Vice District Governor shall be elected by secret ballot of the voting delegates at the Annual Convention of District A-15. District A-15 shall elect, or the District Governor shall appoint by the time he takes office, a Cabinet Secretary and a Cabinet Treasurer, one Region Chairperson for each Region (if the position is utilized during the District Governor’s term), and one Zone Chairperson for each Zone, in the District, Sergeant at arms and such other club members as may be included in the District Cabinet.

### **Section 3 - REMOVAL**

Members of the District Cabinet appointed by the District Governor may be removed from office for cause by the District Governor. Elected members of the District Cabinet other than the District Governor, First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor may be removed from office by the affirmative vote of two thirds (2/3) of the entire number of the District Cabinet.

## **ARTICLE V – DISTRICT CONVENTION**

### **Section 1 - TIME AND PLACE**

An Annual Convention of District A-15 shall be held in each year to conclude no less than thirty (30) days prior to the convening of the Multiple District “A” convention at a place selected by delegates of a previous annual convention of the district and at a date and time to be fixed by the District Governor. A meeting of the Registered Delegates of District A-15 in attendance at the Annual Convention of Multiple District “A” of which District A-15 shall be a part may constitute the Annual Convention of the District A-15.

### **Section 2 - CLUB DELEGATE FORMULA**

Each Chartered Club in good standing in Lions Clubs International and District A-15 (single or sub- and multiple) shall be entitled in each Annual Convention of its District (single or sub- and multiple) to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten (10) members, who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club or major fraction thereof, of said club 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 to in this section shall be five (5) or more members. Each Certified Delegate present in person shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote only for each office to be filled by, and one (1) vote only on each question submitted to, the respective convention. Unless otherwise specified herein, the affirmative vote of a majority of the delegates voting on any questions shall be the act of the convention. Delinquent dues may be paid and good standing acquired up to fifteen (15) days prior to the close of credential certification, as such closing time shall be established by rules of the respective convention.

### **Section 3 - VOTING AT CONVENTIONS – AT LARGE**

Each Present and Past Officer of Lions Clubs International, as laid down in the International Constitution, who is a member in good standing of a Lions Club in good standing in District A-15 shall be a voting delegate to the convention and may exercise one (1) vote for Zone Chairperson in the Zone his/her Lions Club is in; one (1) vote for Region Chairperson in the Region his/her Lions Club is in; one (1) vote for Vice District Governor of District A-15, one (1) vote for Governor of District A-15; and one (1) vote on each non-election issue to be voted on

by the members of said convention. This vote shall not be considered a vote to which his/her Club would otherwise be entitled and the Officer shall be entitled to one (1) vote only.

#### **Section 4 - QUORUM**

The attendance in person of a majority of the delegates registered at a convention shall constitute a quorum at any session of the convention.

### **ARTICLE VI - AMENDMENTS**

#### **Section 1 - AMENDING PROCEDURE**

This Constitution may be amended only at a District A-15 Convention by resolution of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee and adopted by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast.

#### **Section 2 - NOTICE**

Proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be in writing and in the hands of the Cabinet Secretary not less than sixty (60) days prior to the date of the convention. No amendments shall be so reported or voted upon unless the same shall have been furnished in writing to each Club no less than thirty (30) days prior to the convening date of the Annual Convention with notice that the same will be voted upon at said convention.

The Constitution and By-Laws Committee will entertain no amendments to the Constitution unless they have been approved by a majority vote at a Lions Club, or Zone, or Region, or Cabinet Meeting; such amendments to be voted upon by the delegates at the next A-15 Convention.

#### **Section 3 - EFFECTIVE DATE**

Each amendment shall take effect at the close of the District A-15 Convention at which adopted, unless otherwise specified in the amendment.

The Standard Form District Constitution and By-laws shall govern the district unless otherwise amended so as not to conflict with the Multiple District 'A' and International Constitution and By-laws and policies of Lions Clubs International. Whenever there may exist a conflict or a contradiction between the provisions set out in the district constitution and by-laws and the multiple district 'A' constitution and by-laws then the multiple district 'A' constitution and by-laws shall govern. Whenever there may exist a conflict or a contradiction between the provisions set out in the district constitution and by-laws and the International constitution and by-laws then the International constitution and by-laws shall govern. Whenever there may exist a conflict or a contradiction between the provisions set out in the district constitution and by-laws and the laws of the Province of Ontario then the laws of the Province of Ontario shall govern.

Special Convention. A Special Convention of the clubs of the District may be called by two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the District Cabinet at such time and place as they shall determine; provided that such Special Convention shall conclude no less than 30 days prior to the convening of the Multiple District 'A' Convention and that such Special Convention shall not be convened for the election of the district governor, first vice district governor or second vice district governor. Written notice of a Special Convention setting forth the time, place and purpose thereof, shall be provided to each club in the District by the Cabinet Secretary, no less than 30 days prior to the convening date of the Special Convention.