

Lions Clubs International, District 4-C1
HUMANITARIAN FOUNDATION
BYLAWS

ARTICLE I
Name

Section 1. The organization shall be known as the District 4-C1 Lions Humanitarian Foundation, which shall hereafter be referred to as "The Foundation," established at the District Convention, Konocti, 1978.

ARTICLE II
Purposes and Objectives

Section 1. In furthering the principles of Lionism and enlarging upon the International concept of bringing greater stability and independence to those individuals with visual, hearing, speech, and other biological deficiencies, and to accomplish such service, the purpose of this Foundation shall be to:

(a) Provide equipment, services and financial assistance to the Lions Clubs of District 4-C1 for programs of Sight Conservation, Gift of Life, and other related Humanitarian endeavors carried out under the direct control and supervision of Lions Clubs of District 4-C1.

(b) Provide equipment, services and financial assistance to the Lions Clubs of District 4-C1 in support of specific projects under direct control and supervision of such Lions Clubs to provide relief to individuals from the adverse effects of visual, hearing, speech and other biological deficiencies as described in Section 1 above.

(c) Provide equipment, services and financial assistance to other entities which operate under the supervision and control of Lions Clubs International District 4-C1 to the extent that such entities are engaged in activities which conform to the purpose and objectives of the Humanitarian Foundation

Section 2. Funds for these purposes shall be obtained from:

(a) Lions and Lioness Clubs in District 4-C1 contributing on a voluntary basis.

(b) Memberships as defined in Article IV, Section 1(b) through (g)

(c) Legacies, bequests and other gifts from individuals and gifts from Lions Clubs or other organizations within or without District 4-C1.

(d) Activities and fund-raising functions at the Club, Zone, Region, or District level conducted in the name of the Foundation.

(e) Or as designated by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE III
Headquarters

Section 1. The headquarters of the Foundation shall be designated by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV
Membership

Section 1. The membership of this Foundation shall consist of the following classifications:

(a) Active Members

All Lions and Lionesses of District 4-C1 who are in good standing with said District and the International Association of Lions Clubs. Whenever any member shall cease to be in good standing in either District 4-C1 or said International Association, their membership in this Foundation shall automatically terminate.

(b) Sustaining Members

Any person or firm, business, corporation, organization or such contributing \$50.00 or more annually toward accomplishing the purposes of this Foundation may be classified as a Sustaining Member.

(c) Life Member, Individual

Life membership in the Foundation is open to Lions, Lionesses, Leos, and individuals with a contribution of \$250.00 to the Foundation Endowment Fund. The contribution may be paid in annual \$50.00 installments or in one \$250.00 donation at the option of the contributor.

(d) Life Member, Club

Life membership in the Foundation is open to any Lions, Lioness or Leo Club with a contribution of \$1000.00 to the Foundation Endowment Fund. The contribution may be paid in annual \$100.00 installments or in one \$1000.00 donation at the option of the contributor.

(e) Fellow Member, Individual

Fellow membership in the Foundation is open to Lions, Lioness, Leos and individuals with Life Membership who have a cumulative contribution of \$500.00 to the Foundation Endowment Fund. The contribution may be paid in annual \$50.00 installments or in a single donation, after the Life Membership fee is paid.

(f) Fellow Member, Club

Fellow membership in the Foundation is open to any Lions Club, Lioness Club or Leo Club with a cumulative contribution of \$2000 to the Foundation Endowment Fund. The contribution may be paid in annual \$100.00 installments or in one (additional) \$1000.00 donation at the option of the contributor.

(g) Ambassador Member

Ambassador membership in the Foundation is open to Lions, Leos, Lioness and individuals with a Fellow Membership who have a cumulative contribution of \$750. to the Endowment Fund. The contribution may be made in annual \$50.00 installments or in a single donation after the Fellow Membership fee is paid.

(h) Honorary Members

The Board of Directors may, at its discretion, elect to honorary membership persons of integrity and good judgment who have evidenced an outstanding interest in the purposes and objectives of this Foundation.

(i) Voting Members

Voting members shall be the delegates to the annual convention of Lions District 4-C1 selected according to the Bylaws of Lions District 4-C1.

Section 2. Any interest in the property of the Foundation of persons resigning or otherwise ceasing to be members thereof shall vest in the Foundation.

Section 3. No informality herein shall have the effect of rendering this Bylaw null, or of exposing any members to any personal liability or of exposing any Club, Zone, Region, District or Lions Clubs International to any liability.

ARTICLE V
Board of Directors.

Section 1. The management of administration of the affairs of the Foundation shall be vested in a Board of Directors, who shall serve without compensation. Nine (9) Directors shall be elected from the Active Membership of the Foundation. The Governor of District 4-C1, the Immediate Past District Governor and the Vice District Governor, during their terms of office, shall be ex-officio Directors of the Foundation. The Vice District Governor shall serve as a nonvoting member.

Section 2. Nine (9) Lion elected Directors shall be selected, at three year intervals, by vote of the delegates to the District 4-C 1 Convention. Nominations for the election shall be made by the clubs of the District. Two (2) Directors shall be elected from each of the four (4) Regions of District 4-C1, and one (1) member shall be elected at large from the District. The Vice District Governor shall be the twelfth member of the Board (non-voting).

Section 3. All elections for the office of Director shall be by printed ballot, and a plurality vote shall be necessary to elect. In case of a tie vote, the one to serve will be determined by lot.

Section 4.

(a) Directors shall serve terms of three years from July 1 to June 30 following election.

No Director shall be eligible to serve for than two (2) consecutive three-year terms.

Service as District Governor, Immediate Past District Governor or Vice District Governor shall not count as an elective term.

(b) Nominees for Director who are elected for a three-year term at the election following this amendment shall be from the Lassen Region, North Butte Region, and the South Butte Region, replacing those Directors who are no longer eligible to serve. The second year following the amendment, Directors from Shasta Region, Lassen Region, and South Butte will be elected. Finally, in the third year following the amendment, the three remaining directors from Shasta Region, North Butte and the At Large Director will be elected.

(c) Elected Directors who are not replaced at the first election following this amendment will have their terms extended by one or two years in accordance with the previous section.

(d) clauses (b), (c), and (d) will be deleted after three years when they have served their purpose and are no longer valid or necessary.

Section 5. Vacancies on the Board of Directors may be filled for the unexpired term by a majority vote of the remaining Directors at any regular or special meeting of said board

Directors who are appointed to replace an elected Director may choose to run for that office at the next District Convention provided there are no more than five (5) candidates. In such instance, the elected term shall be for three (3) years. In the event there are five (5) candidates, the appointee will serve until the following election. In any event no member may serve for any combination of terms which will exceed eight (8) consecutive years of service.

Section 6. Directors appointed to serve out the major portion of any elective term of office shall be deemed to have served out the full term.

Section 7. Any Director missing three consecutive meetings of the Humanitarian Foundation may be replaced at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI
Duties of Directors.

Section 1. The business and affairs of the Foundation shall be managed by the Board of Directors elected or appointed as prescribed by the Bylaws.

(a) The Board of Directors may appoint up to nine (9) nonvoting advisors.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall meet four (4) times each year. Special meetings may be called by the President at any time by notice to each Board Member. A quorum at any meeting shall be a majority of the voting members of said Board present in person. The Board of Directors shall have the power to carry out the several purposes expressed in these Bylaws including but not limited to, the power to receive funds from all sources.

ARTICLE VII
Officers and Duties

Section 1. The officers of this Foundation shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer who shall be elected for terms of three (3) years and shall hold office until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

Section 2. The officers shall be elected from and by the Board of Directors at the first meeting after the election at the District Convention.

Section 3. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Foundation. He shall have general supervision over the other officers and shall perform all such duties as are incidental to this office or as may be authorized by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. The Vice President shall perform all duties incidental to the office or which may be delegated to him by the President or the Board of Directors, and in the absence or disability of the President shall in the order of his office serve as President.

Section 5. The Secretary shall issue notices of all meetings at least two (2) weeks prior thereto, and shall attend and keep the minutes of same. The Secretary shall have charge of all books, documents, records and papers of the Foundation. The Secretary shall attest with his signature all official documents of the Foundation. The Secretary shall pass on all documents, records and papers in good condition to his successor.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall be custodian of all securities of the Foundation and shall keep regular books of account and shall submit them, together with all vouchers, receipts, records and other papers to the Directors for their examination and approval as often as may be required. He shall perform all other such duties incidental to the office of Treasurer or as may be directed by the Board of Directors. He shall be bonded at the expense of the Foundation in any amount determined by the Board. Warrant signatures will be two of the three designated offices of President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Treasurer may pay out such funds that have been approved and budgeted by the Board of Directors as that indebtedness is incurred.

Section 7. The President may appoint such committees as deemed necessary to accomplish the purposes of the Foundation. Any such committee shall have a least one (1) member thereof who is a member of the Board of Directors and shall have such duties as may be designated by the President.

ARTICLE VIII

General Fiscal Provisions

Section 1. The fiscal year of the Foundation shall commence on the first day of July each year.

Section 2. All books and accounts of the Foundation shall be reviewed by a committee made up of appointed members of the Board at the close of each fiscal year.

ARTICLE IX

Meetings

Section 1. The voting membership of the Foundation shall meet annually at the Convention of District 4-C1, Lions International.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall meet in accordance with the provisions of Article VI, above

Section 3. The rules governing all meetings of the Foundation shall be "Robert's Rules of Order, Revised" unless otherwise provided by resolution of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X

Amendments to the Bylaws

Section 1. These bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of voting delegates at the annual District Convention.

*As amended at Sacramento, California
on April 27, 2003*