

**Lions Clubs International, District 4-C1
HUMANITARIAN FOUNDATION
BYLAWS**

ARTICLE I

Section 1.

The organization shall be known as the District 4-C1 Lions Humanitarian Foundation, established at the District Convention, Konocti, 1978.

ARTICLE II

(Mission)

Section 1.

Humanitarian spirit is at the core of every Lion. The Humanitarian Foundation is uniquely privileged to provide clubs and districts with grant funding to create a healthier, happier world. This diverse grant program empowers Lions to address the needs of at-risk, vulnerable populations in our communities and carry out humanitarian service addressing unmet human needs.

(a)

Clubs that support the humanitarian work of Lions help people with disabilities lead more independent, productive, and fulfilling lives. Through our humanitarian efforts in our district and club level, we help continue to enhance in the day-to-day lives and emotional well-being for people in our community.

(b)

Provide equipment, services, and financial assistance to the Lions Clubs of District 4-C1 in support of specific approved projects to provide relief to

individuals from the above description.

(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 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.

Though it shall always find a home within the borders of the Lions District 4C-1 and be made up of active Lions from within the district.

ARTICLE IV

(Membership)

Section 1.

These ranks of donation level memberships are open to all active members and clubs in District 4C-1. The membership of this Foundation shall consist of the following classifications.

Section 2.

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

Section 3. Honorary members- The Board of Directors may, at its discretion, elect honorary membership people of integrity and good judgment who have evidenced an outstanding interest in the purposes and objectives of this Foundation.

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

Section 5. No informality shall have the effect of rendering this By-Law 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.

Section 6. These donor membership levels are available to all Lions, Leos and Clubs which are in good standing. These donations are accumulative.

a. **Starter Member**

Any active Lion contributing \$50.00 annually toward accomplishing the purposes of this Foundation may be classified as a Sustained Member.

b. **Supporting Member**

Any active Lion contributing \$100.00 annually toward accomplishing the purposes of this Foundation may be classified as a Sustaining Member.

(b)

Life Member

Any active Lion contributing \$500.00 toward accomplishing the purposes of this Foundation may be classified as a Life Member.

c. **Fellow Member**

Any active Lion contributing \$1000.00 toward accomplishing the purposes of this Foundation may be classified as a Fellow Member.

(d)

Ambassador Member

Any active Lion contributing \$1200.00 toward accomplishing the purposes of this Foundation may be classified as an Ambassador Member.

(e)

Starter Pride-Club

Clubs that are active and in good standing in the Foundation, which includes Leo Club with a contribution of \$100.00 will be classified as a Starter Pride Club.

(f) **Alpha Pride -Club**

Clubs that are active and in good standing in the Foundation, which includes Leo Club with a contribution of \$200.00 will be classified as a Starter Pride Club.

(g)

Superior Pride-Club

Clubs that are active and in good standing in the Foundation, which includes Leo Club with a contribution of \$700.00 will be classified as a Starter Pride Club.

(h)

Golden Pride-Club

Clubs that are active and in good standing in the Foundation which includes Leo Club with a contribution of \$1500.00 will be classified as a Starter Pride Club.

i. **Ambassador Pride-Club**

Clubs that are active and in good standing in the Foundation, which includes Leo Club with a contribution of \$2000.00 will be classified as a Starter Pride Club.

ARTICLE V (Duties of Directors)

Section 1.

The business and affairs of this Foundation shall be managed by the Board of Directors elected or appointed as prescribed by the By-Laws.

Section 2.

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

Section 3.

The Board of Directors 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 4.

The Directors shall be elected at the District Convention and will start their duties July 1st of the year.

Section 5.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Foundation. Only the Board of Directors shall be present on behalf of this foundation.

Section 6.

The Vice President shall perform all duties incidental to the office and may be delegated by the President in their absence or disability to take the duties of such until the

President is able to fully serve in their role. In the event that the board is not at full members the VP is optional.

Section 7.

The Secretary shall issue notices of all meetings at least two (1) week prior via email and shall attend all meeting so to keep the minutes. 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 their successor at the end of their elected service.

Section 8.

The Treasurer shall be custodian of all securities of the Foundation and shall keep regular current records of the bank and all sub accounts and shall submit them via email at least 1 day prior to each meeting or special meeting. The Treasurer will keep and secure all vouchers, receipts, records, and other papers as acquired. Upon club or District project requests must submit to the Directors for their examination and approval as often as may be required. They shall perform all other duties incidental to the office of Treasurer or as may be directed by the Board of Directors. They 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, 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 9.

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 VI

(Officers of the Board)

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.

Section 2. Nine (9) officers shall be elected from the Active Membership of the Foundation. That serves during their terms of office. The Governor of District 4-C1 and the immediate Past District Governor plus the 1st and 2nd Vice District Governor has an

option to attend meetings. The officers shall be selected, at three-year intervals, by a vote of the delegates to the District 4-C1 Convention. Nominations for the election shall be made by the clubs of the District. The Nominations for the election shall be made by the clubs of the District. Two **(2)** Directors shall be elected from each of the three **(3)** Regions of District 4-CI, and the other three members **(3)** total shall be elected as At Large status from the District.

The 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors shall be the twelfth and thirteenth members 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 the case of a tie vote, the tie vote shall be resolved by the current DG board.

Section 4.

Directors shall serve terms of three **(3)** years from July 1 to June 30 following election and the two **(2)** Directors from each individual region shall not have terms that would expire on the same date. No Director shall be eligible to serve for more than two **(2)** consecutive three-year terms. Service as District Governor, Immediate Past District Governor, 1st or 2nd Vice District Governor shall not count as an elective term.

Section 5.

Vacancies on the Board of Directors may be appointed at the next District Convention by a majority vote of the remaining Directors or at any regular or special meeting either in person or video conference. The appointed individual may choose to run for that office at the next District Convention during a regularly scheduled election.

Section 6.

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

ARTICLE VII

(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 audited made up of appointed members of the Board at the close of June each fiscal year.

ARTICLE VIII

(Meetings)

Section 1.

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

Section 2.

The Board of Directors shall meet in accordance with the provisions of Article V, 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 IX

(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:

On 04/ 2022; 12/2023