



From the DG's

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Hello, Fellow Lions!

It's been an exciting month as our district clubs are continuing to serve communities across East Tennessee. We held our Fall Cabinet

Meeting at LVBI on November 14th, and MD-12 meeting in Nashville on the 6th and 7th. We have applied for two grants from LCIF. The first one has been approved to purchase eye screening equipment for Rogersville Club, and the second is in the works. Peace Posters have been selected for our district and will go to MD-12 on December 11th. The District 12-N winner will be announced at our convention February 19th/20th, and the MD-12 winner to be announced at the State Convention. It is great to be a Lion!

Membership is close to 1,000 members. However, we could use a push to bust us across the mark. Membership is vital to our communities. Our members are the "WE" in "We Serve." The more Lions to serve, the more we can serve! Club visits were few this past month, but none the less exciting. Thank you Newport, Kingston, White Pine and Inskip Lions Clubs for you hospitality. It's so much fun visiting clubs, and meeting the wonderful Lions of 12-N.

Jackie and I wish you all a happy and safe Holiday season.

-Fletcher



District 12-N Charities

Those wishing to serve a 3 year position as Trustee/Director on the Charities Board and have their name placed in nomination are invited to Contact PDG Neal Vaughn at 865.457.4664. He can accept names up until January 6, 2016. Elections will take place during the February District 12-N Convention.

The proposed 2016-17 budget for 12-N Charities to be voted on during the February District 12-N Convention is as follows:

E TN Lions Eye Bank	\$500.00
Lions Vol. Blind Industries	\$19,500.00
Learning Ally	\$3,300.00
TN School for the Deaf	\$2,500.00
Leader Dog	\$4,500.00
TN School for the Blind	\$2,500.00
Diabetes Awareness	\$200.00
Lions Quest	\$0.00
DG Emergency Fund	\$1,000.00
District Discretionary Fund	\$5,000.00
Operating Expenses	\$1,000.00
World Services for the Blind	\$0.00
Total	\$40,000.00

Notice of Constitution and By-Laws modifications to be voted on at the February District 12-N Convention

The following changes are required by action LCI in adopting new or altered language for the Standard District Constitution and By-Laws.

District 12-N Constitution Article VII, Section 2., last paragraph, last sentence, by amending language as follows:

"Delinquent" dues must be paid and good standing acquired ~~at any time~~ up to fifteen (15) days* prior to the close of credential certification, as such closing time shall be established by the rules of the respective convention.

District 12-N Constitution, addition of Section 4. to ARTICLE XI:
"Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. Each amendment shall take effect at the close of the convention at which adopted unless otherwise specified in the amendment."

District 12-N By-Laws, addition of Exhibits "D" through "G" that state as follows:

EXHIBIT D

Nominating Committee Checklist District Governor Candidate

This checklist must be completed for each candidate and submitted to the Elections Committee.

Name of Candidate: _____

Name of Candidate's Lions Club: _____

Date of Nominating Committee Meeting: _____

Date of Election: _____

Candidate has submitted sufficient evidence showing that he/she has met the following

Requirements:

- ☐ Candidate is an active member in good standing of a chartered Lions Club in Good Standing* in his/her single or sub-district.
- ☐ Candidate endorsed by his/her Lions Club or a majority of the Lions Clubs in the District.
- ☐ Candidate is currently serving as the first vice district governor within this district.

In the event the current first vice district governor does not stand for election as district governor, or if a vacancy in the position of first vice district governor exists at the time of the district convention, the candidate fulfills the following qualifications: for the office of second vice district governor:

Club President: Year Served

- ☐ Club Board of Directors Year Served
- ☐ District Cabinet (check one)
- ☐ Zone or Region Chairperson Year Served
- ☐ Cabinet Secretary and/or Treasurer Year Served
- ☐ One (1) additional year as a member of district cabinet

Position held: _____ Year Served

- ☐ With none of the above being accomplished concurrently.

**Please note that if the club has any outstanding dues, the candidate should be notified and provided up until fifteen (15) days prior to the election to ensure that his/her club pay outstanding dues.*

***Effective July 1, 2016**

I have reviewed this checklist and certify that the candidate listed above has met the requirements for District Governor in accordance with the International By-Laws, Article IX, Section 4.

Nominating Committee Chairperson Date

Nominating Committee Member Date

EXHIBIT E

Nominating Committee Checklist First Vice District Governor Candidate

This checklist must be completed for each candidate and submitted to the Elections Committee.

Name of Candidate: _____

Name of Candidate's Lions Club: _____

Date of Nominating Committee Meeting: _____

Date of Election: _____

Candidate has submitted sufficient evidence showing that he/she has met the following

Requirements:

- ☐ Candidate is an Active Member in good standing of a chartered Lions Club in Good Standing* in his/her single or sub-district.
- ☐ Candidate endorsed by his/her Lions Club or a majority of the Lions Clubs in the District.
- ☐ Candidate is currently serving as the second vice district governor within this district,

In or only in the event the current second vice district governor does not stand for election as first vice district governor, or if a vacancy in the position of second vice district governor exists at the time of the district convention, the candidate fulfills the qualifications for the office of second vice district governor:

- ☐ Club President: Year Served
 - ☐ Club Board of Directors Two (2) Years Served
 - ☐ Club Board of Directors Year Served
 - ☐ District Cabinet (check one)
 - ☐ Zone or Region Chairperson Year Served
 - ☐ Cabinet Secretary and/or Treasurer Year Served
 - ☐ With none of the above being accomplished concurrently.
- *Please note that if the club has any outstanding dues, the candidate should be notified and provided up until fifteen (15) days prior to the election to ensure that his/her club pay outstanding dues.*

***Effective July 1, 2016**

I have reviewed this checklist and certify that the candidate listed above has met the requirements for First Vice District Governor in accordance with the International By-Laws, Article IX, Section 6(b).

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Nominating Committee Chairperson Date

Nominating Committee Member Date

EXHIBIT F

Nominating Committee Checklist Second Vice District Governor Candidate

This checklist must be completed for each candidate and submitted to the Elections Committee.

Name of Candidate: _____

Name of Candidate's Lions Club: _____

Date of Nominating Committee Meeting:

Date of Election:

Candidate has submitted sufficient evidence showing that he/she has met the following

Requirements:

- ☐ Candidate is an Active Member in good standing of a chartered Lions Club in Good Standing* in his/her single or sub-district.
- ☐ Candidate endorsed by his/her Lions Club or a majority of the Lions Clubs in the District.
- ☐ Club President: Year Served
- ☐ Club Board of Directors Two (2) Years Served
- ☐ Club Board of Directors Year Served
- ☐ District Cabinet (check one)
- ☐ Zone or Region Chairperson Year Served
- ☐ Cabinet Secretary and/or Treasurer Year Served
- ☐ With none of the above being accomplished concurrently.

**Please note that if the club has any outstanding dues, the candidate should be notified and provided up until fifteen (15) days prior to the election to ensure that his/her club pay outstanding dues.*

***Effective July 1, 2016**

I have reviewed this checklist and certify that the candidate listed above has met the requirements for Second Vice District Governor in accordance with the International By-Laws, Article IX, Section 6(c).

Nominating Committee Chairperson Date

Nominating Committee Member Date

EXHIBIT G

Standard Ballot District Governor, First Vice District Governor & Second Vice District Governor Elections

Sample 1: Ballot where there are two candidates.

Instructions: Clearly indicate your vote by placing an appropriate symbol in the box next to the name of the candidate you are casting your vote for.

Position	Name	Vote
First Vice District Governor		
	Candidate A	X
	Candidate B	

Sample 2: Ballot where there is only one candidate.

Instructions: Clearly indicate your vote by placing an appropriate symbol in the box indicating a yes or a no vote for the candidate.

Position	Name	Yes	No
District Governor			
	Candidate A	X	

Sample #3: Ballot where there are three or more candidates:

(Note: there are a few different options when there is more than one candidate. If time permits, you may have the voter indicate their selection next to the candidate they wish to vote for. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes, then the candidate with the lowest amount of votes is dropped off the ballot and another vote is taken (The ballot would look like Sample #1 above). This process would continue until a candidate receives the required number of votes. As most districts do not have the time to conduct such a lengthy process, the option of Preferential Voting allows the voter to complete one ballot. Following is an example of a Preferential Voting Ballot):

Instructions. Indicate your preference by clearly marking next to each candidate's name a number (1, 2, 3 or 4) indicating your preference in the order in which you would elect the candidate (i.e., 1, representing highest preference, 2 – next preference, etc).

Position	Name	Preference/ Rank
Second		
	Candidate A	4
	Candidate B	2
	Candidate C	1
	Candidate D	3

EAST TENNESSEE LIONS EYE BANK



The East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank nominations committee members are PDGs Clare Crawford and Neal Vaughan, co-chairs.

Anyone in good standing in a District 12-N Lions Club can become a member of the Board of Directors. If you have ever wondered what the East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank and its Board of Directors do, now is your chance to find out.

The election will be held at the District 12-N Convention February 19, 2016, which is being held at the Doubletree Inn in Oak Ridge. The Eye bank is currently in the top ten in the world for tissue placement and is one of the leaders in using the latest technology available.

If you wish to be placed on the ballot for a three year term of service please let PDG Clare or PDG Neal know. We will be electing five (5) members to the Board. We will not accept any names for the ballot after January 4, 2016. PDG Neal Vaughan's e-mail is neallion@comcast.net and PDG Clare Crawford's e-mail is lionclare1987@gmail.com. If you wish to submit your name to be put on the ballot, please include a short bio of yourself.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**JANUARY 15-17—TN Lions Learning
Retreat**
Manchester, TN

FEBRUARY 19&20— 12N Convention
Doubletree Hotel, Oakridge, TN

APRIL 22&23—MD12 Convention
Chattanooga, TN

JUNE 24-28—LCI Convention
Fukuoka, Japan



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Rules for Preferential Voting:

1. On the preferential ballot - for each office to be filled the voter is asked to indicate the order in which he prefers all the candidates, placing the numeral 1 beside his first preference, the numeral 2 beside his second preference, and so on for every possible choice.
2. In counting the votes for a given office, the ballots are arranged in piles according to the indicated first preferences – one pile for each candidate.
3. The number of ballots in each pile is then recorded for the tellers' report. These piles remain identified with the names of the same candidates throughout the counting procedure until all but one are eliminated as described below.
4. If more than half of the ballots show one candidate indicated as first choice, that choice has a majority in the ordinary sense and the candidate is elected. But if there is no such majority, candidates are eliminated one by one, beginning with the least popular, until one prevails, as follows:
 - a. The ballots in the thinnest pile – that is, those containing the name designated as first choice by the fewest number of voters – are redistributed into the other piles according to the names marked as second choice on these ballots.
 - b. The number of ballots in each remaining pile after this distribution is again recorded.
 - c. If more than half of the ballots are now in one pile, that candidate is elected. If not, the next least popular candidate is similarly eliminated, by taking the thinnest remaining pile and redistributing its ballots according to their second choices into the other piles, except that, if the name eliminated in the last distribution is indicated as second choice on a ballot, that ballot is placed accordingly to its third choice.
 - d. Again the number of ballots in each existing pile is recorded, and if necessary, the process is repeated – by redistributing each time the ballots in the thinnest remaining pile, according to the marked second choice or most-preferred choice among those not yet eliminated – until one pile contains more than half of the ballots, the result being thereby determined."

There are two other matters for consideration as amendments to the District 12-N Constitution and By-Laws; A) Practice of Certifying Past District Governors as Delegates apart from a Club Delegate Quota to the District Convention, and B) Campus Club dues relief.

A) It has been the practice of District 12-N to Certify Past District Governors as Delegates apart from the Club delegate quota even though not expressly permitted by the District 12-N Constitution. This practice is permitted pursuant to ARTICLE IX, Section III of the International By-Laws only as an express provision of the respective District Constitution and By-Laws. In order to bring the District 12-N Constitution and By-Laws in compliance with the District 12-N practice, the following language is proposed to be added as the last sentence of Article VII, Section 2 of the District 12-N Constitution:

B) "Full delegate status is granted to each Past District Governor who is a member of a Club in good standing in District 12-N independent of Club delegate quotas."

B) Dues relief for Student Lion members, as first introduced at the 2014 District Convention, was codified as a resolution for amending the District 12-N By-Laws by the West Knox Lions Club and submitted to the District Constitution and By-Laws Chair in accordance with ARTICLE XII, Section 1, (a) of the District 12-N By-Laws and ratified by the 12-N Cabinet at its November 14, 2015 Cabinet meeting. As a result, the following is offered as language effecting **District 12-N By-Laws, ARTICLE VII, "District Administrative Fund."**

Insert the following as Section 2:

"Section 2, **STUDENT MEMBERSHIP DUES.** For Student membership programs as adopted by the International Board of Directors, eligible student members shall pay semi-annual dues equal to one-half (1/2) of the total amount of dues as provided for in Section 1. above."

Re identify existing Section 2, **REMAINING FUNDS** as "Section 3" with associated change in the Table of Contents

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