

**CONSTITUTION OF
PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS**
A Non-Profit Corporation Without Capitol Stock

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be: Past District Governors of Texas Lions.

ARTICLE II – OBJECTS

The objects of the Past District Governors of Texas Lions are:

1. To band together the Lions of Texas who have formerly served any of the districts of Texas as District Governor in hope of continuing the good fellowship and active interest in the support of all activities, more especially in Texas.
2. To provide a means for meetings of the membership of the Past District Governors of Texas
Lions on a state-wide basis, at such times as are most specifically set forth in Article XI of this Constitution.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

In conformity with objects of the Past District Governors of Texas Lions, membership shall be confined to those who have actually served as an officer of Lions Clubs International and those who have actually served as District Governor of Lions Clubs International, who resides in or have served as District Governor in Texas and who have been awarded the title of Past District Governor by Lions Clubs International.

ARTICLE IV – FEES AND DUES

There shall be no fees and dues, as such, but each member shall be requested to contribute the sum of \$15.00 (fifteen dollars) per annum for necessary expenses of the Past District Governors of Texas Lions, the contribution for the first year being deemed to apply to the fiscal year ending June 30, 1957.

There shall also be available a Life Membership for a contribution of \$175.00 (one hundred seventy-five dollars), after which the member will no longer be asked to contribute the suggested annual contribution. The funds so generated, up to a cap of \$10,000.00, shall be invested in secure investments and only the revenue derived from such investments shall be used for the operating funds of the Past District Governors of Texas Lions.

ARTICLE V – RESIGNATIONS

Resignation of any member shall become effective upon written notice to the Secretary of the Past District Governors of Texas Lions, but there shall be no refund of any contributions made by such member.

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS

Elected officers of the Past District Governors of Texas shall be a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Immediate Past President. In addition, the President shall appoint a Tail Twister and Parliamentarian from the membership.

ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section A. The Officers shall make up the Executive Committee and shall have the authority to carry on the activities of the Past District Governors of Texas Lions and do all things necessary and proper between meetings of the membership of the Past District Governors of Texas Lions.

Section B. The President shall call a meeting of the Executive Committee prior to each meeting of the membership and at any other time deemed necessary. An Executive Committee Meeting will be called upon written request of any two members of the Executive Committee. Meetings may be held by telephone, or by mail.

Section C. A quorum shall be four (4) of the Officers which include the President or a Vice President.

ARTICLE VIII – ELECTIONS

Section A. Ninety days prior to each Annual Meeting, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee for the purpose of proposing names of candidates for the various offices named herein. Such Nominating Committee shall make its report to the President not less than forty-five days prior to the said Annual Meeting and the Secretary shall notify all contributing members of said nominations not less than fifteen days prior to said Annual Meeting. Elections shall be by simple majority vote of the contributing members present at the Annual Meeting.

Section B. Nominations may be from the floor providing that the person or persons so nominated have been contacted by the nominating party and have stated willingness to serve in the office for which they are being nominated.

Section C. All officers shall be elected annually and shall take office immediately upon their election and shall hold office one (1) year from that date, of until their successors shall be elected and qualified.

ARTICLE IX – QUALIFICATION OF OFFICE

Section A. No person shall be eligible to hold office or to be appointed to a committee in the Past District Governors of Texas Lions unless said person is a contributing member.

Section B. No officer shall receive any compensation for any service rendered the Past District Governors of Texas Lions, nor shall any office be reimbursed for any travel expense in attending meetings, with the possible of the Secretary, whose compensation, if any, shall be fixed be the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE X – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section A. The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Past District Governors of Texas Lions, shall be the Chairman of the Executive Committee, and shall preside at all meetings. The President shall issue the call for such meetings as may be provided for in the Constitution and By-Laws, and shall appoint such standing committees as are called for in the Constitution and By-Laws and such other committees as may be authorized by the membership from time to time.

Section B. If for any reason the President is unable to perform the duties of this office; the Vice President next in rank shall occupy the position and perform those duties, having the same authority as the President.

Section C. If for any reason, the office of the President shall become vacant, the Vice presidents shall succeed in office, according to their rank. Should a vacancy occur in the office of the First or Second Vice President, the Vice President of the next rank shall succeed in office. Should a vacancy occur in any other office, including Third Vice President, the Executive Committee shall appoint a member to fill the unexpired term.

Section D. The Secretary shall be under the supervision and direction of the President and the Executive Committee and shall act as the liaison officer between the members and the Executive Committee. The Secretary's duties, in general, shall be as follows:

The Secretary shall keep the general records of the Past District Governors of Texas Lions, including minutes of all meetings, a list of all officers, and a complete list of all members and their mailing addresses. The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the account of each member and a detailed record of all receipts and disbursements of the Past District Governors of Texas Lions and make such report as may be asked for by the President and Executive Committee.

Section E. Treasurer shall receive all monies from the Secretary and deposit same in a bank or banks recommended by the Executive Committee and shall payout monies only on authority of the Executive Committee. All checks and vouchers must be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by one other officer, preferably the President or Secretary.

The office of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined and one person may be elected to the joint position. The Secretary and/or Treasurer shall give bond for the faithful discharge of their duties in such sum and sureties as may be required by the members.

Section F. The Tail Twister shall keep harmony, good fellowship, life and enthusiasm in the meetings; and shall collect fines from the members and there shall be no appeal from such fines imposed. The Tail Twister may not be fined except by unanimous vote of all members present beside the Tail Twister: Fines collected by the Tail Twister shall be delivered to the Treasurer promptly and a receipt taken therefor:

ARTICLE XI – MEETINGS

Section A. The annual Meeting of the Past District Governors of Texas Lions membership shall be in conjunction with the Multiple District 2 State Convention. Additional meetings of the membership shall be held with the summer and winter meetings of the Council of Governors of Multiple District 2. The time and place of such meetings shall be fixed by the Executive Committee and membership shall be notified of the time and place of such meetings at least thirty (30) days in advance of said meetings.

Section B. An attendance of not less than ten percent (10%) of the members of the Past District Governors of Texas Lions shall be necessary for a quorum at any meeting.

ARTICLE XII – HONORARY MAILING LIST

The names of the President of the International Association of Lions Clubs and each District Governors of Texas shall be included on the mailing list of the Past District Governors of Texas Lions.

ARTICLE XIII – PARLIAMENTARY PRACTICES

In absences of rules in this Constitution or in the By-Laws of the Past District Governors of Texas Lions, the proceedings of the meetings of the Executive Committee as well as the meetings of the membership shall be conducted in accordance with established parliamentary procedure.

ARTICLE XIV – AMENDMENTS

Section A. This Constitution may be amended at any business meeting of the Past District Governors of Texas Lions at which there is a quorum, be a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present.

Section B. No amendment shall be voted on, unless written notice has been mailed to each member of the Past District Governors of Texas Lions at least two (2) weeks previous to the meeting at which the amendment is to be voted upon, said notice to state the proposed amendment of amendments.

The foregoing Constitution is as amended at the designated Annual Business Meeting of the Past District Governors of Texas Lions held February 4, 1995 at the Inn of the Hills in Kerrville, Texas, and recessed until the State Convention on June 11, 1995, in Lufkin, Texas.

BY-LAWS OF PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS OF TEXAS LIONS

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No. 1

Section A. The Past District Governors of Texas Lions shall at no time endorse or recommend any candidate for political office, nor shall politics or political candidates be discussed at meetings. Also no religious discussing shall be tolerated at the meetings.

Section B. The Past District Governors of Texas Lions shall at no time endorse or recommend any candidate for election to any office of Lions Clubs International, whether it be in a local club, any district in Texas, or a candidate for the nomination from Texas to serve as an International Director or International Officer.

Nothing in this section shall prevent the endorsement, recommendation, and support of any Lion who is a candidate for International Director or an International Office after the Lion has been certified by the Lions of Texas.

No. 2

Section A. No officer or member of the Past District Governors of Texas Lions shall use such membership as a means for furthering any personal, political, or other aspirations, nor shall the organization as a whole, take part in any movement not keeping with the real purpose and objects of the Past District Governors of Texas Lions.

Section B. Should any officer of the Past District Governors of Texas Lions become a candidate for International Director or an International Office, that Lion shall immediately resign as an officer of the Past District Governors of Texas Lions.

No. 3

No funds shall be solicited from members of the Past District Governors of Texas Lions during the meetings by any individual or individuals who are not a member of the Past District Governors of Texas Lions.

No. 4

The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee as provided in the Constitution and such other committees as in his opinion and that of the Executive Committee may be necessary.

No. 5

With the exception of Section B of By-Laws No. 1 and Section B of By-Laws No. 2, these By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular business meeting of the Past District Governors of Texas Lions by a majority vote of the members present.

Section B of By-Laws No. 1 and Section B of the By-Laws No.2 may only be amended by a four-fifths (4/5) vote of the entire membership present at any business meeting.

No amendment shall be voted on unless written notice of the proposed amendment has been mailed to each member of the Past District Governors of Texas Lions at least two weeks prior the meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be voted on.

No. 6

Nothing in these By-Laws shall prevent the Past District Governors of Texas Lions endorsing or recommending to the Lions of Texas any activity such as the Texas Lions Camp or other worthwhile activity which, in the opinion of the membership, might merit such endorsement.

No. 7

The outgoing President of the Past District Governors of Texas Lions is granted authority to authorize a donation not to exceed \$500.00 to a Lions Club charity of his or her choice. Such donation will be disbursed from the funds of the Past District Governors of Texas Lions.

The foregoing By-Laws are as amended at the designated Annual Business Meeting of the Past District Governors of Texas Lions held February 4, 1995, at the Inn of the Hills in Kerrville, Texas and as amended at the designated Annual Business Meeting of the Past District Governors of Texas Lions held on May 26, 2006 at the Convention Center in Abilene, Texas.