

**Lions of Alabama, Multiple District 34 Annual Convention
Montgomery, Alabama
April 25-27, 2025**

Resolution # 1

Constitution Amendments:

**ARTICLE V
SUPREMACY**

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Line 1, **Delete** "The Standard Form Multiple District" and **insert** "Lions of Alabama - Multiple District 34, Inc." in order to read: **The Lions of Alabama - Multiple District 34, Inc.** Constitution and By-Laws shall govern the multiple district unless otherwise amended so as not to conflict with the International Constitution & By-Laws and policies of Lions Clubs International.

**ARTICLE VI
Officers and Council of Governors**

Section 1. COMPOSITION

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Line 7, **Insert** the word "**current and**" before the words "Past International" in order to read: The Immediate Past Council Chairperson, and the **current and** Past International Presidents and International Directors from Alabama shall be non-voting advisory members of the Council.

**Article VIII
FEES AND EXPENSES**

Section 1. ANNUAL PER CAPITA TAX (b)

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Line 4, **Delete** "MD-GMT and MD-GLT" and **insert** "**Multiple District Global Action Team (MD-GAT)**" and "**unless otherwise directed by the Council of Governors**" in order to read: Revenues received from the pro rata dues will be designated to go to the **Multiple District Global Action Team (MD-GAT)** committees with each receiving an equal share **unless otherwise directed by the Council of Governors.**

Section 2. DISTRIBUTION OF ANNUAL PER CAPITA TAX (e)

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Line 1, (e) **Delete** "The Alabama Lion Newsletter, website, and Public Relations - six dollars (\$6.00) of the annual per capita tax. Insert the word "**Marketing**" in order to read:
(e) **Marketing** - six dollars (\$6.00) of the annual per capita tax.

Distribution Table: **Delete** "The Alabama Lions Newsletter, Website, Public Relations" in the table and Insert the word "**Marketing**" in order to read:

Marketing 6.00

Section 3. RESERVE FUND

Pages 10 & 11

Line 2, **Replace** the term "candidate(s) for International Office" with the words "**Vice President and International Director**". In order to read:
There shall be established a Reserve Fund of not less than \$75,000 for use by the Lions of Alabama - Multiple District 34, Inc. for promotion of candidates for **Vice President and International Director**,

Line 5, Delete the term “~~International Officer~~” and insert the words “**Vice President and International Director**” in order to read:

The meaning and intent of this Section is to accumulate a Reserve Fund for use by the Lions of Alabama - Multiple District 34, Inc. for promotion of candidates for **International Vice President and International Director**.

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Line 32, Paragraph (f) **Delete** the term “~~Officer~~” and insert the words “**Presidents and International Directors of MD-34**”. to read:

The Board of Trustees shall be comprised of the Council Chairperson, the current members of The Council of Governors of Multiple District 34, and the current and Past International **Presidents and International Directors** of MD-34.

By-Laws Amendments:

Changes to Lions of Alabama - Multiple District 34, Inc. By-Laws

ARTICLE I Duties of Multiple District Council of Governors and Officers

Section 5. Multiple District Council Chairperson

(b) Duties of Council Chairperson

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The Multiple District Council Chairperson shall be the administrative facilitator of the multiple district. All actions are subject to the authority, direction, and supervision of the multiple district council of governors. In cooperation with the council of governors, the Council Chairperson shall:

1. Further the Purposes of this association.
2. Serve as the Global Action Team Multiple District Chairperson to administer and promote membership growth, leadership development and humanitarian service throughout the multiple district by:
 - a) Ensuring the selection of a qualified Lion leader for the positions of GST multiple district coordinator, GMT multiple district coordinator and GLT multiple district coordinator **under approval of the GAT Area Leader.**
 - b) Ensure regular meetings to discuss and advance initiatives established by the multiple district Global Action Team.
 - c) Collaborate with area leaders and district Global Action Teams

Add the following Sections beginning on Page 16 of the BY-LAWS, inserting after Section 7 to include the responsibilities of Multiple District Coordinators

Section 8. GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM (GST) MULTIPLE DISTRICT COORDINATOR. The GST multiple district coordinator is a member of the Multiple District Global Action Team. Their responsibilities include:

- (a) Develop and execute an annual multiple district action plan and monitor progress toward goals. Support districts and offers motivation to reach district goals.
- (b) Collaborate with GMT and GLT multiple district coordinators and the Global Action Team Multiple District Chairperson (council chairperson) to further initiatives focused on leadership development, membership growth, and expanding humanitarian service.
- (c) Support local community service projects that create a sense of belonging and pride to the Lions and Leos in the multiple district.
- (d) Collaborate with GMT and GLT to provide retention strategies to districts.
- (e) Communicate regularly with GST district coordinators to inform them of LCI and LCIF programs, partnerships and grants.
- (f) Serve as a resource and content expert for regional best practices in service project implementation for LCI initiatives.
- (g) Encourage GST district coordinators to promote service projects that attract multiple generational participant, including the integration and leadership development of Leos.
- (h) Increase LCIF coordinator collaboration at the multiple district and district level to maximize LCIF resources and fundraising.
- (i) In coordination with the LCIF multiple district coordinator, monitor LCIF Grants given to the multiple district.
- (j) Act as the advocacy champion for the multiple district to implement activities including but not limited to community awareness/education, legislative/public policy, events and partnerships” and re-lettering the remaining items.

Section 9. GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM (GMT) MULTIPLE DISTRICT COORDINATOR. The GMT multiple district coordinator is a member of the Multiple District Global Action Team. Their responsibilities include:

- (a) Collaborate with the GLT and GST multiple district coordinators and the Global Action Team Multiple District Chairperson (council chairperson) to further initiatives focused on leadership development, membership growth and expanding humanitarian service.
- (b) Develop and execute an annual multiple district membership development plan.
- (c) Communicate regularly with the GMT district coordinators to ensure that they are aware of available membership programs and resources.
- (d) Monitor each district's progress towards membership goals. Offer motivation and support to help district reach their goals.
- (e) Encourage GMT district coordinators to include diverse populations to participate in Global Action Team initiatives.
- (f) Respond quickly to prospective member leads provided by LCI, track recruitment and provide status report of the lead.
- (g) Complete requirements and submit applications to receive multiple district funding from LCI for membership development activities.
- (h) Provide retention strategies to districts in collaboration with GLT and GST multiple district coordinators.
- (i) Motivate districts to charter specialty clubs.

Section 10. GLOBAL EXTENSION TEAM (GET) MULTIPLE DISTRICT COORDINATOR. The GET multiple district coordinator is a member of the multiple district global action team. Their responsibilities include:

- (a) Collaborate with the other GMT, GLT and GST multiple district coordinators and the global action team multiple district chairperson (council chairperson) to further initiatives focused on leadership development, membership growth and expanding humanitarian service.
- (b) Develop and execute an annual multiple district new club extension plan.
- (c) Communicate regularly with the GET district coordinators to ensure they are aware of available membership programs and resources.
- (d) Monitor each district's progress towards extension goals. Offer motivation and support to each district to reach their goals.
- (e) Encourage GET district coordinators to include diverse populations to participate in global action team initiatives.
- (f) Collaborate with the GMT multiple district coordinator to identify areas of opportunity for club extension.
- (g) Provide extension strategies to districts.
- (h) Motivate districts to form different club types, including specialty, Leo-Lion, campus, virtual, and traditional.

Section 11. GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM (GLT) MULTIPLE DISTRICT COORDINATOR. The GLT multiple district coordinator is a member of the Multiple District Global Action Team. Their responsibilities include:

- (a) Collaborate with your GMT and GST multiple district coordinators and Global Action Team Chairperson (council chairperson) to further initiatives focused on leadership development, membership growth and expanding humanitarian service.
- (b) Develop and execute an annual multiple district leadership development plan.
- (c) Communicate regularly with GLT district coordinators to ensure they are aware of leadership development programs and resources available.
- (d) Provide ongoing motivation to and monitors progress of GLT district coordinators, zone chairpersons and club leadership to achieve leadership development goals.
- (e) Encourages GLT district coordinators to include diverse populations to participate in Global Action Team initiatives.

- (f) Promote leadership development opportunities that encourages participation all levels of the association.
- (g) Organize and facilitate instructor-led and web-based training in coordination with LCI.
- (h) Collaborate with GMT and GST multiple district coordinators to provide retention strategies to districts.
- (i) Include diverse populations to participate in Global Action Team initiatives.
- (j) Identify potential and new leaders to participate in service, membership and leadership development opportunities.
- (k) Complete requirements and submits applications to receive multiple district funding from LCI for leadership development activities.

Section 12: MULTIPLE DISTRICT MARKETING CHAIRPERSON. They are responsible for marketing and public relations efforts and directly supports the Global Action Team. Their responsibilities include:

- (a) Collaborate directly with the Global Action Team to direct membership leads that come through marketing channels to appropriate districts and clubs.
- (b) Collaborate with the council of governors to identify and support opportunities for marketing large-scale events, programs, and initiatives.
- (c) Work with the council chairperson to apply for marketing grants.
- (d) Manage social media channels and websites, either directly or through an established multiple district marketing committee.
- (e) Share multiple district success stories through social media.
- (f) Maintain familiarity of the Global Brand Guidelines.
 - a. Champion appropriate and consistent use of global brand assets in all multiple district activities.
 - b. Support use of approved brand templates for story and publicity development.
- (g) Promote the good works and newsworthy stories of LCI and LCIF to Lions to members of the media, through social media channels, and to external audiences.

Section 13. LCIF MULTIPLE DISTRICT COORDINATOR. The LCIF Multiple District Coordinator is appointed by the LCIF chairperson and LCI president to serve for a three-year term. This position serves as an ambassador for Lions Clubs International Foundation and reports directly to LCIF chairperson and LCIF Board of Trustees. Their responsibilities include:

- (a) Identify, recruit and train a Lion in each district to serve a three-year term as the LCIF district coordinators.
- (b) Be familiar with LCIF initiatives and educate Lions within the multiple district on the various grants and projects supported by LCIF. Assist district governors with grant applications to LCIF, as needed.
- (c) Promote foundation initiatives in multiple district publications, during district and multiple district events and to the public at large.
- (d) Ensure that LCIF-funded projects within the multiple district receive proper promotion and follow grant-criteria guidelines.
- (e) Encourage all Lions within the multiple district to contribute to LCIF and promote recognition programs as incentives to donate to LCIF.
- (f) Identify potential major gift donors, local foundations, corporations, and businesses with the potential to support LCIF and, and when appropriate, be involved in the gift-request process.
- (g) Assist with the submission of LCIF funds, MJF applications, and other donation information when necessary.

Report progress quarterly to the area LCIF Trustee.

Rules of Audit (throughout the By-Laws)

Insert the words “**and the Rules of Audit of Multiple District 34**” following the term “ the Rules of Audit of Lions Clubs International” where found throughout the MD-34 By-Laws.

This amendment will provide for the application of the Rules of Audit as may be changed by Lions Clubs International or by amendment of the MD-34 Policy Manual.

Policy Manual Amendments

- 1.) Delete the Alabama Lions Newsletter and Public Relations Committee and replace with the name of Marketing. Review and rename the committee description and duties in the Attachments Section.

CHAPTER IV COMMITTEES

A. STANDING COMMITTEES

The following committees shall be appointed by the Council at their first meeting:

Alabama Lions High School All-Star Band
~~The Alabama Lion Newsletter and Public Relations~~
Alabama Lions Trading Pin and Banner
Audit
Awards Committee
Constitution and By-Laws
Credentials
Diabetic Awareness / Camp Seale Harris
Elections
Finance and Operation
Historical
Information Technology
International Convention
Leo Club
Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)
Long Range Planning
Multiple District Annual Convention
Multiple District Global Leadership Team
Multiple District Global Membership Team
Multiple District Global Service Team
Multiple District Fall Leadership Conference
Multiple District Marketing Committee
Necrology
Opportunities for Youth Programs
Resolutions
Rules

- 2.) Adjust the reimbursement amounts for Travel and Hotel and Lodging in Chapter XI, Finance, Section C. Rules of Audit.

CHAPTER XI FINANCE

C. RULES OF AUDIT

1. General Reimbursement Rules

The following general rules and regulations apply to expense accounts submitted, in connection with the conducting of official business, committee meetings, training activities, or the fulfillment of official duties as specified by Lions Clubs International within the Multiple District and as approved by the Council of Governors. No expenses, except those specifically covered in these reimbursement rules may be requested in the name of the individual traveling on behalf of the Multiple District.

2. Automobile Travel

The standard mileage reimbursement rate shall be **\$.50 per mile**, which takes into account all actual automobile expenses such as fuel, repairs, replacements, tires, depreciation, insurance, etc.

3. Hotel and Lodging

Reimbursement will be made for actual costs only, not to exceed **\$150.00** per night. The claimant should enter itemized hotel charges by date and attach the original itemized bill to the expense report form. The itemized bill, in the claimant's name, must show payment and/or balance due of zero. Note that facsimile and electronic copies may be acceptable and may be considered as original.

1. Meals

Reimbursement will be made for actual costs only, not to exceed \$ 25.00 per day. Such costs must be itemized, and original itemized receipts must be attached to the claimant's expense report form. Note that facsimile and electronic copies may be acceptable and may be considered as original. No alcoholic beverages will be reimbursed.

5. Travel Policies

No payment can be made for trips outside the claimant's own district, except those made for multiple district meetings or as approved by the Council of Governors as specified in Section 1 above. All travel must be made by the most economical means.

**MULTIPLE DISTRICT 34 ANNUAL CONVENTION
HILTON GARDEN INN
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA
APRIL 25-27, 2025**

**RESOLUTION # 1
Host Committee USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum**

WHEREAS, The Multiple District 34 Council of Governors having received a report on and a request for supplemental funding from the Chairperson of the MD-34 Host Committee of the 2027 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum being held in Huntsville, Alabama, and

WHEREAS, Funding for “other such purposes as may be determined by the Multiple District Convention” is found and provided for in accordance with Article VIII – Fees and Expenses, Section 3. Reserve Fund, Constitution, Lions of Alabama - Multiple District 34, Inc.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Multiple District Council be authorized to withdraw a sum not to exceed 5% from the available funds in the Reserve Fund as of the final adjusting entries of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. These funds are to supplement the promotion of, the administrative duties required by the Forum Planning Committee, management, and support of volunteers assisting in the hosting of the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum.

In accordance with the provisions of ARTICLE VIII – FEES AND EXPENSES, Section 3, Constitution, Lions of Alabama - Multiple District 34, Inc.

Resolved this 26th Day of April, 2025

Jerry Stephens
MD-34 Council Chairperson
Approved by Council of Governors
February 8, 2025