

# LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL



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**DISTRICT 105I**

**CONSTITUTION  
&  
BY-LAWS**

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**Section 1 - Interpretation**

This Constitution shall be read, construed and operated in the general context and spirit of the Constitution and By-Laws of Lions Clubs International and shall be binding upon the whole of the membership. All disputes and differences arising from, incidental to or consequent upon any ambiguities or uncertainties herein or omissions here from or otherwise concerning matters dealt with in this Constitution shall be resolved by the District Governor. Any such decision shall stand and have full force and effect while the said District Governor remains in office unless meanwhile constitutionally amended at a District Convention. If any such decision shall be so amended any interim acts, deeds or omissions consequent upon such decision shall be deemed nevertheless to have been valid and effective until constitutionally amended as foresaid.

**Section 2 - Meanings of words/phrases used in this text**

- Lions Clubs International - The International Association of Lions Clubs.
- Multiple District (MD) - The 13 Districts in the U.K. & Ireland.
- District - District 105I of the Multiple District.
- This organisation - District 105I of the Multiple District.
- Fiscal Year - 1<sup>st</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> June both dates inclusive.
- Council - Council of Governors of MD105.
- MD Convention - Annual Convention of MD105.
- District Convention - Annual Convention of District 105I.
- Cabinet - District Governor's Administrative Committee.
- Club - A chartered Lions Club within the District and in good standing with Lions Clubs International.

**Section 3 - Communication**

The use of e-mail for the transmission of official business within the District is an accepted form of communication.

## **ARTICLE I - Purpose**

### **Section 1**

The purpose of this Constitution is to provide the District with an efficient organisation to advance Lionism and provide proper administration throughout the District consistent with the Constitution and By-Laws of Lions Clubs International as amended from time to time.

### **Section 2**

The Constitution of Lions Clubs International shall take precedence over the Constitution of Multiple District 105 which in turn shall take precedence over this District Constitution which takes precedence over the Constitution of Clubs within the District.

## **ARTICLE II - Membership**

### **Section 1**

The membership of this organisation shall consist of all Lions Clubs within the District whose Charter has been approved by Lions Clubs International.

### **Section 2**

The District shall consist of such number of Regions and Zones as have been or shall be determined by the District Governor. The boundaries of the District shall be those currently applying or as shall in the future be determined by the Multiple District Convention and approved by the Board of Lions Clubs International.

## **ARTICLE III - District Officers**

### **Section 1**

The Officers of the District shall be the District Governor (who shall be the presiding officer), the Immediate Past District Governor, the First Vice District Governor, the Second Vice District Governor, the District Secretary, the District Treasurer, the Region Chairpersons (if this position is utilized during the District Governor's term of office), the Zone Chairpersons and any other officers appointed by the District Governor to Cabinet during his/her term of office.

## **Section 2**

The District Governor and the First and Second Vice District Governors shall be elected at a District Convention as provided for in the Constitution and By-Laws of Lions Clubs International and this Constitution.

## **Section 3**

The District Governor shall have appointed by the time he/she officially takes office:

- (a) A District Secretary and a District Treasurer,
- (b) A Region Chairperson (if utilized by the District Governor during his/her term of office) in each Region of the District,
- (c) A Zone Chairperson in each Zone in the District and
- (d) Such other District Officers as are considered necessary.

## **Section 4**

Each officer appointed by the District Governor shall be a member in good standing of a Lions Club in the District.

## **Section 5**

Any officer who ceases to be a member in good standing shall forthwith cease to hold such office and, if appropriate, the District Governor shall appoint another person in his/her stead.

## **Section 6**

No salary shall be paid to any officer of the District.

## **Section 7**

Appropriate reimbursement to meet expenditure incurred in carrying out their duties may be paid to District Officers provided such expenses have been authorised previously by the District Cabinet or by the District Governor acting on its behalf.

## **Section 8**

The District Governor shall have the authority to remove and replace any District Officer appointed by him/her.

## **ARTICLE IV - District Governor's Cabinet**

### **Section 1**

The power and responsibility for the administration and general good government of the District and its part in the advancement of the Objects and Ethics of Lionism shall be vested in the District Governor. He/she shall be assisted by a Cabinet which shall serve in an advisory and administrative capacity only.

### **Section 2**

The Cabinet shall consist of the District Governor, the Immediate Past District Governor, the First Vice District Governor, the Second Vice District Governor, the District Secretary, the District Treasurer, the Region Chairpersons (if utilized), the Zone Chairpersons and such other officers as may be appointed by the District Governor, all of whom shall be eligible to vote.

### **Section 3**

A majority of the members of the Cabinet shall constitute a quorum.

### **Section 4**

The District Governor shall hold a meeting of the Cabinet convened by at least ten days notice in writing, on at least three occasions during his/her term of office and the first of such meetings shall be held within thirty days after the close of the annual International Convention. He/she shall hold special meetings of the Cabinet, convened by such notice as aforesaid, upon receiving a request in writing so to do from a majority of the members of the Cabinet. Every such convening notice shall be accompanied by an informative agenda in respect of the meeting so convened.

### **Section 5**

In the event of a vacancy in the Cabinet or in any office except that of District Governor, First Vice District Governor or Second Vice District Governor the District Governor shall have the power to fill such vacancy for the remainder of his/her term of office.

## **ARTICLE V - District Organisation**

### **Section 1**

The District Governor shall divide the District into as many Regions as he/she shall see fit, each Region containing not more than 16 Clubs, due regard being given to the geographical location of the Clubs. These Regions may be altered by the District Governor if he/she considers such alteration necessary in the best interests of Lionism.

### **Section 2**

The District Governor shall divide each Region into as many Zones as he/she shall see fit, each Zone containing not more than 8 Clubs, due regard being given to the geographical location of Clubs. These Zones may be altered by the District Governor if he/she considers such alteration necessary in the best interests of Lionism.

### **Section 3**

Sections 1 and 2 of this article apply to the start of any fiscal year. Should any Region or Zone exceed the number of Clubs specified, owing to extension within the fiscal year, re-allocation of Clubs within the Region or Zones will be at the discretion of the District Governor.

### **Section 4**

Meetings of the District Governor's Advisory Committee (Zone Meetings) shall be held in each Zone at such intervals and locations as the Zone Chairperson shall decide. At least 3 such meetings shall be held during the fiscal year. Each Club shall be represented at such meetings by the President and Secretary at least and if the President and/or the Secretary should be unable to attend, the President shall appoint a substitute member or substitute Club Members to represent the Club.

### **Section 5**

The Region Chairperson shall attend a business meeting of each Club within his/her Region at least once during the fiscal year of his/her term of office.

### **Section 6**

The Zone Chairperson shall attend a business meeting of each Club in his/her Zone at least once during the fiscal year of his/her term of office.

## **ARTICLE VI - District Governor's Honorary Committee**

### **Section 1**

A District Governor's Honorary Committee chosen from Past District Governors may be appointed and would be chaired by the Immediate Past District Governor.

### **Section 2**

The District Governor's Honorary Committee shall meet at such intervals, places and times and for such business as the District Governor shall decide.

## **ARTICLE VII - District Finance**

### **Section 1**

The revenue to pay the administrative expenses of the District shall be provided by funds remitted to the District Treasurer by each Club in the District. A District subscription to be paid by every member of every Club in the District shall be decided upon at every Annual District Convention and shall be paid by two equal instalments on the first day of August and the first day of February in each year. The amounts payable by each Club shall be ascertained by reference to the membership of each Club on June 30<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> in each year as recorded by the International HQ, Oak Brook from Monthly Membership Reports **except that no Club shall be liable to pay any sum in respect of the District subscription for the period of three months following the date of its organisation or re-organisation, and subsequently only the unexpired proportion between expiration of three calendar months and the following 30th June or 31<sup>st</sup> December whichever is applicable based upon the membership report made after it has been organised or re-organised for three calendar months.**

### **Section 2**

The revenue raised by the District dues or other subscriptions shall be passed to the District funds. All payments from District funds shall be by cheques signed by at least two of a panel of authorised signatories who shall be separate individuals. The District Governor, the District Secretary and the District Treasurer shall be included in such panel of authorised signatories but, if any two of these offices should be held by the same person, such person may sign in one capacity only.

### **Section 3**

The District Treasurer shall arrange for an audit and a report upon the District Accounts up to a specified day in each year by some competent person, and shall cause copies of such accounts and the Auditor's report to be sent to every Club in the District at least 21 days before District Convention in that year.

The District Treasurer shall, in addition, arrange a supplementary audit and report upon the District accounts in respect of the period between the "specified day" referred to in the last preceding paragraph and the end of the fiscal year and shall cause copies of such supplemental Accounts and Auditor's report to be sent to each Club in the District for the following fiscal year.

### **Section 4**

The District Governor may call for an audit and report upon the District accounts at any time.

### **ARTICLE VIII - Club Member Fees & Annual Dues**

The entrance fee, if any, and annual subscriptions shall be determined by individual Clubs and shall be adequate to cover their administrative costs including International, Multiple District and District dues.

### **ARTICLE IX - Inspection of Club Records**

#### **Section 1**

The District Governor, District Secretary, District Treasurer and Region Chairperson shall be entitled to inspect the Books of Account and Minute Books of any Club within their District or Region respectively and to attend Regular Meetings, Board Meetings and Committee Meetings of such Clubs similarly.

#### **Section 2**

**Each Club in the District shall provide a copy of their audited Club Accounts to the District Treasurer for the fiscal year before the 31<sup>st</sup> October of the following fiscal year.**

### **ARTICLE X - Club Fundraising**

No Club shall raise or attempt to raise or cause to be raised any funds or subscriptions or donations in cash or kind within the boundary of any other Club without the prior approval in writing of that Club.



## **ARTICLE XI - District Governor's Newsletter**

The District Governor will keep the Clubs informed on a monthly basis of the District's affairs through the District Governor's Newsletter.

## **ARTICLE XII - District Convention**

### **Section 1**

A District Convention shall be held annually at which the District Governor's Report and financial and other reports are presented. Nominations for the offices of District Governor, First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor shall also be presented and election procedures, as defined in Convention Standing Orders, shall be followed. The Convention Standing Orders are published in the District Convention Report booklet which is issued to members of the Lions family attending Convention.

### **Section 2**

The District Governor shall arrange the business programme of the District Convention and the same shall be the order of the day for all such business sessions.

### **Section 3**

The District Governor shall appoint, not less than ninety days prior to the District Convention, a Nominations & Resolutions Officer with a committee as he/she shall deem advisable.

### **Section 4**

The District Governor/ Secretary shall issue an official call for the Annual District Convention at least ninety days prior to the date fixed for holding same and such official call shall be circulated to all Clubs through their respective Secretaries. This Convention Call shall include the name and address of the District Nominations & Resolutions Officer and the closing dates for receipt of nominations and motions. The District Governor, may at his/her discretion, include in addition such other information as he/she considers desirable.

## **Section 5**

The District Governor shall, through the District Nominations & Resolutions Officer, receive all motions proposed to be deliberated upon by the District Convention. Motions for discussion at the District Convention shall be circulated under arrangements to be made by the District Governor to all Clubs at least six weeks prior to the District Convention.

## **Section 6**

The District Governor shall, through the District Nominations & Resolutions Officer, receive by an appointed date all nominations for the offices of District Governor, First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor. Nominations shall be circulated under arrangements to be made by the District Governor to all Clubs at least six weeks prior to the date of the District Convention.

## **Section 7**

The District Governor shall, through the District Nominations and Resolutions Officer, receive by an appointed date all nominations for the office of District Trustee of The 105-I Charitable Trust Fund. Nominations shall be circulated under arrangements to be made by the District Governor to all Clubs at least six weeks prior to the date of the District Convention.

## **Section 8**

The District Governor shall, through the District Nominations & Resolutions Officer, receive nominations on Application Forms available from the District Nominations & Resolutions Officer by the appointed date from Clubs desiring to act as District Convention Host Club. The Cabinet shall investigate such applications in all aspects relevant to the requirements of the District Convention and certify whether the applicant Club can meet the same. Applications so approved shall be circulated to all Clubs by the District Secretary at least six weeks prior to the District Convention.

If no application is received pursuant to the previous paragraph of this section and within the prescribed time limit such application(s) may be presented to the District Convention from the floor, preferably on fourteen days notice to the District Secretary. If there should be no such application whatever at a District Convention it shall be the duty of the next succeeding Cabinet to arrange a venue of the affected Convention at such place within the District and by such means and in such manner as it shall decide.

## **Section 9**

It shall be good and sufficient reason for the Cabinet not to accept a Motion if it is of the opinion that;

- (a) it would be a waste of time or otherwise inconvenience the proceedings of the forthcoming District Convention.
- (b) the substance of such motion has been voted upon at either of the two immediate preceding District Conventions.
- (c) it has consequences of a financial nature about which the proposer has not submitted adequate illustrative detail of the effect the motion would have if passed.

## **Section 10**

The Nominations & Resolutions Officer shall have the power to re-draft any Motion if, in his/her opinion, such re-drafting is necessary in the interests of clarity or for other proper reason.

## **Section 11**

In the event of non-acceptance or re-drafting in accordance with the preceding Sections there shall be liaison between the Nominations & Resolutions Officer and the Club submitting the Motion as soon as it is practicable and having regard to time limits already established.

## **Section 12**

Motions adopted at the District Convention shall be notified to each Club in the District, separately, as soon as practicable by means of special memoranda which shall be retained by the Club Secretary and passed to his/her successor. In addition, copies of all such Motions shall be included in the Appendix of all copies of this Constitution for record purposes.

### **Section 13**

Each Club in good standing in the District represented at the District Convention shall be entitled to one voting Delegate and one Alternate for each ten members **who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day**, or major fraction thereof, of the said Club as shown by the records of the International Office on the first day of the month last preceding the month during which the Convention is held.

Additionally, any Past District Governor who is a member of a Club in the District, independent of the Club Delegate quotas specified in the International By-Laws, Article IX, Section 3, shall be entitled to voting Delegate status. In his/her absence from the Convention floor **an Alternate may not be used**.

### **Section 14**

The District Governor shall appoint a Sergeant at Arms for the Convention.

### **Section 15**

Subject to Section 2 of this Article, the Cabinet shall be responsible for the arrangement of the programme for the Convention. Such programme shall include the entertainment which is to be provided by the Host Club for those attending the Convention.

### **Section 16**

Within thirty days of the close of the District Convention the District Secretary shall prepare a report in writing which shall be a summary of the proceedings of such District Convention and send one copy of such report to the HQ of Lions Clubs International, the MD General Secretary, the District Governor and the Secretary of each Club in the District.

### **Section 17**

The District Governor shall supervise all phases of the District Convention.

**ARTICLE XIII - Election & Continuity of District Governor, First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor**

**Section 1**

Delegates attending the District Convention shall elect a District Governor, a First Vice District Governor and a Second Vice District Governor provided that there shall be available for election a candidate or candidates (for any or all such offices) duly qualified under the Constitution & By-Laws of Lions Clubs International at the relevant date.

**Section 2**

- (a) If any such District shall fail to so elect a qualified District Governor or if the District Governor Elect of any such District shall die or refuse or be found by the International Board of Directors to be unable by reason of illness or other disability to take such office prior to the day his/her term would otherwise begin, or if a vacancy will exist as a result of a District Governor election protest or legal action, then in any such event such District may have a District Governor appointed by the International Board of Directors in the time and manner and for the term set forth in the International Constitution & By-Laws
- (b) Only in the event that neither the current First Vice District Governor or the current Second Vice District Governor stands for election as District Governor, or if vacancies in the positions of First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor exist at the time of the District Convention, any Club member who fulfils the qualifications for the office of Second Vice District Governor as set forth in the International By-Laws Article IX, Section 6(c) and who is currently serving or who has served one additional year as a member of the District Cabinet, shall fulfil the requirements of the International Constitution & By-Laws.
- (c) In the event a vacancy occurs in the office of District Governor under International By-Laws Article IX, Section 6(d), the First Vice District Governor shall act as District Governor and shall perform the duties of and have the same authority as the District Governor until such time as the said vacancy is filled by the International Board of Directors for the remainder of the term as provided for in the International By-Laws Article IX, Section 6(e).

- (d) In the event a vacancy occurs in the office of First Vice District Governor, the Second Vice District Governor shall be deemed to be elected as First Vice District Governor. In the event a vacancy also occurs in the office of Second Vice District Governor the District Secretary, acting on the authority of the District Governor, shall write to each Club in the District seeking the nomination of candidates who meet the requirements of the International By-Laws Article IX, Section 6(c).
- (i) In the event that only one nomination is received such candidate shall be declared elected.
  - (ii) In the event that more than one nomination is received a special meeting of the District Cabinet shall be convened and a secret ballot conducted with the First Vice District Governor &/or Second Vice District Governor candidate required to secure a simple majority of the affirmative votes cast by members of the Cabinet present and voting in order to be declared elected.
  - (iii) In the event of three or more nominations being involved in a ballot which does not result in an overall majority being obtained, the nomination receiving the lowest number of votes cast shall be withdrawn. A fresh ballot will then take place on the remaining nominations in the same manner until an overall majority decision has been reached.
  - (iv) In the event that no nominations are received the District Governor shall refer the matter to the International Board of Directors for resolution.

### **Section 3**

The District Governor, being an elected officer of the International Association of Lions Clubs, may be removed from office for cause by the affirmative vote of two thirds of the entire number of members of the International Board of Directors. (International Constitution Article V, Section 9)

## **ARTICLE XIV - District Convention Finances**

### **Section 1**

The whole of the administration expenses of the District Convention including the cost of hiring halls, decorations therein and miscellaneous expenses incidental to running the business side of a Convention shall be borne out of District funds. An estimate of such expenses shall be submitted to the District Cabinet by the Host Club and approved by the Cabinet in writing.

### **Section 2**

The Host Club shall submit to the District Cabinet for approval the proposed charges for the various social activities held in conjunction with the District Convention.

### **Section 3**

The Host Club shall, within a reasonable time after the date of the District Convention, submit to the District Treasurer for his/her approval full accounts of the income and expenditure incurred in relation to all aspects of the District Convention and subsequently shall supply the District Treasurer with such information as he/she shall require to enable him/her to confirm to the District Cabinet that such accounts are correct.

### **Section 4**

The Host Club may retain any surplus funds accruing from the District Convention up to a maximum of £500 (or Euro equivalent) and any surplus above that amount shall be passed to the District Treasurer.

## **ARTICLE XV – 105I Charitable Trust Fund**

### **Section 1**

The 105-I Charitable Trust Fund is set up for the benefit of the District and its Clubs. In order to comply with differing legal jurisdictions, two separate Trusts are required, one for Clubs established in Northern Ireland, and one for Clubs established in The Republic of Ireland.

## **Section 2**

The key objectives of the Trusts are as follows –

1. To confer the benefits of Charitable Status on the District and, through the Trusts, on the Clubs in the District.
2. To allow the District and the Lions Clubs in the District to receive taxable donations, bequests, legacies or gifts through the Trusts free of relevant taxes.
3. To facilitate every Lions Club in the District to acquire Charitable Status in its own name if it so wishes.

## **Section 3**

The First Trustees shall be appointed in accordance with the Trust Deeds. The Trusts require the retirement of two Trustees every two years. The election of two Trustees to replace the retiring Trustees shall be as provided for in the Trust Deeds, the District Constitution and the District Convention Standing Orders. Such elected Trustees can serve for a maximum period of six years before being required to retire, and if they so desire, seek re-election.

## **Section 4**

The benefits of the Trusts to the District shall be available to those Clubs in the District that are in ‘good standing’, and whose audited/certified accounts due during the previous Lions year are lodged with the District Treasurer. A qualifying Club shall be eligible to acquire a gift or legacy of land through the Trusts free of Gift or Inheritance tax and Stamp Duty. Donations may be made to the Trusts by Pay As You Earn taxpayers through the Club, and the Trustees shall reclaim the Tax for the benefit of the Club. The benefit of exemption from Deposit Interest Taxes for the Trust shall only be available to a qualifying Club that deposits funds in the Trusts’ Deposit Accounts.

### **ARTICLE XVI - Fiscal Year**

The Fiscal Year of this District shall run from the 1<sup>st</sup> of July to the 30<sup>th</sup> June inclusive of each year.

### **ARTICLE XVII - Amendments**

This Constitution can be amended only by a Motion at a District Convention adopted by an affirmative vote of not less than two thirds of Delegates or Alternates duly registered, qualified and voting.



## **Resolutions passed at District Conventions** (Relevant to District Admin.)

**1974 - (Killarney)** A Resolution that “**A levy of £30 per annum be placed on each Club in the District to cover expenses in relation to the Youth Award scheme and the Youth Camp**” was carried. (Later amended to read “**Youth Activities Levy**”).

**1978 - (Cork)** A Resolution that “**The expenses involved in sending the 105I Youth Award winner to the MD Final are borne by the District**” was proposed by Newtownards LC and carried.

**1978 - (Cork)** A Resolution that “**The District should participate in a Third World project**” was proposed by Roscrea LC and carried.

**1980 - (Galway)** A Resolution that “**The District Dues for the fiscal year 1980/81 be at the rate of 80p per capita**” was proposed by the District Treasurer on behalf of Cabinet and carried. (The original motion having been amended by the deletion of the word “Sterling”)

**1983 - (Cork)** A Resolution that “**The District Treasurer be authorised to reimburse the District Governor for such expenditure, not exceeding £400 in any one fiscal year and subject to the approval of the latter’s two immediate predecessors, as he may incur in discharge of his/her duties and which are not otherwise reimbursable under the rules of audit of LCI or any other provisions**” was carried.

**1990 - (Wexford)** A Resolution that “**The Youth Activities Levy, currently £40 per Club, be increased by £10 from 1<sup>st</sup> July 1990**” was carried.

**1990 - (Wexford)** A Resolution that “**In view of the various expenses involved and in order to allow Leo members of the District to participate in MD activities each Lions Club in the District will pay a levy of £20 per annum to defray those costs**” was proposed by Dun Laoghaire LC and carried.

**1991 - (Sligo)** A Resolution that “**All future levies imposed by District 105I are for a specified period only, of no longer than three years**” was proposed by Edenderry & District LC and carried.

**1992 - (Kilkenny)** A Resolution that “**Following presentation of Officers’ Reports at District Convention, the incoming District Governor should critically review the effectiveness of all District projects with a view to suspending temporarily the least supported project in favour of a short term District project**” was proposed by Edenderry & District LC and carried.

**1992 - (Kilkenny)** A Resolution that **“This Convention approves and adopts the Constitution & By-Laws and Standing Orders in the form submitted by the Future Planning Committee on behalf of the Cabinet as those of District 105I”** was proposed by the Future Planning Committee and carried.

**1996 - (Malahide)** A Resolution that **“This Convention recommends that District Dues be increased by 50p per member”** was proposed by Dundrum LC and carried.

**1997 - (Ennis)** A Resolution that **“This Convention recommends a levy of £50 be placed on each Club in District 105I in respect of the Youth Exchange programme payable from 1<sup>st</sup> July 1997”** was proposed by Lion Michael Doyle on behalf of Cabinet and carried.

**1998 - (Dungarvan)** A Resolution that **“This Convention resolves that the candidature of PCC Lion Tom Farmer for the office of International Director 1999/2001 be endorsed and certified in accordance with the International Constitution & By-Laws, Article V, Section 2 and Article IV, Section 6”** was proposed on behalf of Cabinet and carried.

**1998 - (Dungarvan)** A Resolution that **“District 105I Constitution & By-Laws and Standing Orders amendments and additions to take account of changes to the International Constitution & By-Laws since 1992 be adopted”** was proposed by IPDG Lion Des Farrell on behalf of the Future Planning Committee and carried.

**1998 - (Dungarvan)** A Resolution that **“This Convention feels it is essential for Vice District Governors to attend all Council of Governors’ meetings in order to acquaint themselves with the workings of the Multiple District on a strictly non-voting and non-participating level”** was proposed by PDG Lion Pat McCoole on behalf of the Future Planning Committee and carried.

**1999 - (Westport)** A Resolution that District 105I Standing Orders, Section 9d be amended to read **“In the event of three or more candidates or nominations being involved in a secret written ballot, the Single Transfer Voting system shall be employed to determine the outcome”** was proposed by PDG Lion Des Farrell on behalf of the Future Planning Committee and carried.

**2000 - (Waterford)** A resolution that **“This Convention recommends District Dues be increased to £4 per member per annum payable in semi-annual payments of £2. A discount of £0.75 per member be given for each semi-annual payment received by the District Treasurer by 31<sup>st</sup> October and the 28<sup>th</sup> February in each Lions year effective from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2000”** was proposed by Lion Nigel Paxton on behalf of Cabinet and carried.

**2000 - (Waterford)** A Resolution that **“This Convention recommends the Youth Exchange levy of £50 per Club per annum in District 105I, agreed at Ennis in 1997 be continued for a further three years”** was proposed by Lion Nigel Paxton on behalf of Cabinet and carried.

**2002 - (Antrim)** A Resolution that **“This Convention recommends an increase in District dues to £5.00 Stg. or €6.40 per member per annum payable in semi-annual payments of £2. 50 Stg. or €3. 20. A discount of £0. 75 Stg. or €0. 95 per member will be given for each semi-annual payment received by the District Treasurer by October 31<sup>st</sup> and February 28<sup>th</sup> in each Lions year effective from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2002”** was proposed by Lion Nigel Paxton on behalf of Cabinet and carried.

**2002 - (Antrim)** A Resolution that **“This Convention recommends the three current Youth payments are replaced by one Youth payment of £120 Stg. or €152 per Club per annum effective from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2002 and to be reviewed every three years”** was proposed by Lion Nigel Paxton on behalf of Cabinet and carried.

**2002 - (Antrim)** A Resolution that **“This Convention agrees to the use of e-mail as a form of communication for official business within the District”** was proposed by PDG Lion Pat McCoole on behalf of Cabinet and carried.

**2002 - (Antrim)** A Resolution that **“This Convention requests our International HQ to consider reinstating the Zone Chairperson in the distribution chain of the Monthly Membership Report form”** was proposed by PDG Lion Des Farrell on behalf of Cabinet and carried.

**2003 - (Carlow)** A Resolution that **“This Convention recommends the annual Youth payment by each Club be increased from £120 Stg. to £135 Stg. (or €152 to €172) from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2003 subject to review at least once every three years”** was proposed by Lion Nigel Paxton on behalf of Cabinet and carried.

**2003 - (Carlow)** A Resolution that **“This Convention adopts the decision made by Cabinet on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2002 that all necessary steps be taken to set up and establish a mechanism for Charitable Status for the benefit of Lions in District 105I and its members within the jurisdiction of the Republic of Ireland”** was proposed by Chairman of Council Lion Oliver McDonnell on behalf of Cabinet and carried.

**2005 - (Westport)** A Resolution that “The wording of Article VII, Section 3, Para. 1 of the District Constitution be amended to read – The District Treasurer shall arrange for an audit and a report upon the District Accounts up to a specified day in each year by some competent person, and shall cause copies of such accounts and the Auditor’s Report to be sent to every Club in the District at least 21 days before the District Convention in that year” was proposed by Malahide L C and carried.

**2006 - (Galway)** A Resolution that “This Convention recommends that the District Dues are increased to £6.00 Stg. or €8.00 per member per annum, payable in semi-annual amounts of £3.00 Stg. or €4.00. A discount of £0.50 Stg. or €0.75 per member will given for each semi-annual payment received by the District Treasurer by specified dates in each Lions year effective from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2006” was proposed by PDG Gilbert Lee on behalf of Cabinet and carried.

**2006 - (Galway)** A Resolution that “This Convention recommends that the Schedule of Insurance, as outlined in the Multiple District Insurance Policy, is amended to also give clear and unambiguous details of the level of cover given to Clubs in the Republic of Ireland in Euro. Such details are to be freely available to each Club on the Multiple District or District 105I web site. Failing this, details should be held by the District 105I Insurance Officer, who in turn should provide same to each Club in the Republic of Ireland annually” was proposed by Malahide L C and carried.

**2007 - (Mullingar)** A Resolution that “This Convention confirms that the Annual Youth Payment for District 105I is maintained at the level of €172 or £135 stg. from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2006, and is subject to review at least once every 3 years” was proposed by PDG Gilbert Lee on behalf of Cabinet and carried.

**2007 - (Mullingar)** A Resolution that “The Trust Deed of the 105I Charitable Trust Fund requires that its first two nominated Trustees retire after having served for two years, with their replacements being elected at our District Convention. The two retiring Trustees, Donal Horgan and Oliver McDonnell wish to offer themselves for re-election, and the remaining Trustees propose that they are re-elected for a further full term, which under the terms of the Trust Deed will be for a period of six years. This proposal is being made in the interests of continuity due to the current formative nature of the Charitable Trust Fund” was proposed by Trustees of The ROI 105I Charitable Trust Fund and carried.

**2007 - (Mullingar)** A Resolution that “**The wording of the Trust Deed of the ROI 105I Charitable Trust Fund be amended in respect of the election of Trustees. The amended wording would tidy up and streamline voting procedures to allow for each two Trustees, in rotation, from the existing six Trustees, to vacate office every two years, and that the election of the two new Trustees would take place at our District Convention, with the outgoing Trustees to be eligible for re-election. The exact wording of such an amendment to be confirmed and agreed by The Revenue Authorities**” was proposed by Trustees of the ROI 105I Charitable Trust Fund and carried.

**2008 - (Cork)** A Resolution that – “**It is proposed that District Convention Standing Orders Section 9 be amended to include voting procedures for the election of Trustees to the 105I Charitable Trust Fund as follows – Section 9 Election of District Governor and Vice District Governor be amended to Section 9 (1)**

**A new Section 9 (2) Election of Trustees to 105I Charitable Trust Fund –**

**a) In the event there are only sufficient candidates or nominations to fill available vacancies then endorsement by acclamation is permissible.**

**b) When there are more candidates or nominations than available vacancies, then the election shall be conducted by secret written ballot using the same methodology as outlined in Section 9 (1) sub sections c, d, & e”** was proposed by PDG Donal Horgan on behalf of Cabinet and carried.

**2008 - (Cork)** A Resolution that - “**This Convention agrees to the establishment of a District 105I Disaster Fund to which all Lions Clubs within the District will contribute with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2008 at the rate of €4 per member (£2.75 stg) per Lionistic year or such other amount as may be determined in future years by a District Convention, to enable the District to respond immediately to disasters, whether local or international, as the need arises. The District Governor, with the prior agreement of the District Finance Committee in all cases, shall have the responsibility for the approval of grants from the fund.**

**This Convention hereby authorises the District Finance Committee to determine the most suitable basis for setting up and maintaining the said fund”** was proposed by Ennis L C and was carried.

**2009 – (Portlaoise)** – A Resolution that – “**It is proposed that our District Constitution & By-Laws together with our District Convention Standing Orders are amended to fully reflect the resolution approved at the 2008 International Convention, which established the offices of First and Second Vice District Governor”** was proposed by Lion Nigel Paxton on behalf of Cabinet and was carried.

**2009 – (Portlaoise) – A Resolution that – “It is proposed that our District Constitution & By-Laws together with our District Convention Standing Orders are amended to fully reflect the resolution approved at the 2008 International Convention in respect of the order of sequence of the provisions of The International Constitution and By-Laws”** was proposed by Lion Nigel Paxton on behalf of Cabinet and was carried.

**2009 – (Portlaoise) – A Resolution that – “It is proposed that the District Constitution & By Laws are amended to show the existence of the 105I Charitable Trust Fund”** was proposed by PDG Donal Horgan on behalf of the Trustees of The 105I Charitable Trust Fund and was carried.

**2009 – (Portlaoise) – A Resolution that – “This Convention confirms the following effective from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2008:-**

**a) The adoption by District 105I of the Lions Clubs International and Multiple District 105 definition of Student, namely,**

*“A student is an individual enrolled in an educational institution and between the age of legal majority in the jurisdiction in which they reside and not exceeding the age of 30.”*

**b) The rate of District Dues for Members of District 105I who are Students shall be 50% of the rate of District Dues for Members as approved from time to time by Convention.**

**c) Student members shall not be required to contribute to the District 105I Disaster Fund”** was proposed by PDG Gerald Langford on behalf of Cabinet and was carried.

**2009 – (Portlaoise) – A Resolution that – “This Convention confirms that effective from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2008 Campus Clubs within the District 105I shall not be required to pay the District Youth Payment levy”** was proposed by PDG Gerald Langford of behalf of Cabinet and was approved.

**2009 – (Portlaoise) – A Resolution that – “This Convention confirms that the Sterling equivalent of Euro rates of District Dues, Youth Payment, District Disaster Fund contribution and any other payments that may be approved by Convention from time to time for any Lionistic Year shall be determined by the exchange rates displayed on the Lions Clubs International website for the first month of the Lionistic Half Year in which they are due for payment (i.e. July & January) and vice versa”** was proposed by PDG Gerald Langford on behalf of Cabinet and was approved.

**2009 – (Portlaoise) – A Resolution that – “This Convention confirms that the annual Youth Payment for District 1051 is maintained at the level of €172 or the Sterling equivalent from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009, and is subject to review at least once every 3 years thereafter”** was proposed by PDG Gerald Langford on behalf of Cabinet and was approved.

**2013 - (Athlone) - A Resolution that - "This Convention resolves that for the Lionistic Year commencing 1 July 2013 and subsequent years unless altered by resolution at Convention, a Youth Payment will be invoiced to each Club (excluding Campus Clubs) as on 1 July each year at the current level of €172 or the equivalent sterling amount determined by the exchange rates quoted on the Oak Brook website as at 1 July"** was proposed by PDG Gerald Langford on behalf of Cabinet and was approved.

**2013 - (Athlone) - A Resolution that - "This Convention resolves that for the Lionistic Year commencing 1 July 2013 and subsequent years unless altered by resolution at Convention, the District Governor with the agreement of the District Finance Committee may approve the application of up to 50% of the per capita contribution of €4.00 per member per annum (or the equivalent sterling amount) to the District Disaster Fund towards humanitarian aid projects approved from time to time by the District Cabinet"** was proposed by PDG Gerald Langford on behalf of Cabinet and was approved.

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