

**Section 4. SOUTH CAROLINA LIONS CHARITABLE SERVICES AND SOUTH CAROLINA LIONS FOUNDATION:** There shall be ~~an~~ two organizations known as the (SCLCS) as identified above (SCLCS and SCLF). ~~This~~ These organizations ~~is~~ are a part of the MD-32 and shall be governed by ~~its~~ their own by-laws. Some of the directors may be non-Lions. The Lions officers and directors shall be members in good standing of Lions Clubs in good standing. Where any of the articles of this constitution or by-laws is in conflict with the by-laws of SCLCS or SCLF, the provision of this constitution or by-laws shall govern. The mission of SCLCS, funded by SCLF, is to be the services arm of the multiple district and to provide the day-to-day services and support to the Lions and Lions Clubs of South Carolina through programs established and approved by the multiple district. This will include but not be limited to:

- a. Provide, collect, invest and account for funds donated under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
- b. Serve as the umbrella services for statewide programs recommended by the MD-32 Council and approved by the South Carolina Lions.
- c. Coordinating input, editing, and publishing of *The Palmetto Lion*.

**Section 5: ADVISORY BOARD.** The Council of Governors has delegated the MD 32 Advisory Board to act in an advisory capacity to the Council of Governors. The Advisory Board shall be composed of all current and past international officers and past district governors in MD 32. The principal duty of the Advisory Board is to provide nominees for the positions of council chairperson and vice council chairperson to be presented to the district governors-elect or vice district governors-elect as appropriate.

**ARTICLE VI  
Multiple District Expense Funds**

**Section 1. MULTIPLE DISTRICT REVENUE.** To provide revenue to defray the expenses of MD 32, an annual multiple district expense fund dues of \$9.30 is hereby levied upon each member of each club in MD 32 and shall be collected and paid to the MD 32 secretary-treasurer in advance by each club in two (2) semi-annual payments as follows: \$4.65 per club member on September tenth of each year to cover the semi-annual period July 1 to December 31; and \$4.65 per club member on March tenth of each year, to cover the semi-annual period January 1 to June 30, with billings of the same to be based upon the roster of each club as of the first days of July and January, respectively. Said dues shall be paid to the council secretary-treasurer by each club in MD 32, except newly chartered and reorganized clubs, which shall collect and pay said dues on a pro-rata basis on the first day of the second month following the date of their organization or reorganization, as the case may be. Said dues shall be disbursed only for designated fund expenses of MD 32 as approved by the Council of Governors.

**Section 2. Life Membership.** International Association of Lions Clubs Life Membership does not exempt a member from paying district and multiple district dues.

**Section 3. STUDENT MEMBERS.** For student members, as adopted by the International Board of Directors, eligible student members shall pay a semiannual dues of one half (1/2) of the total amount as provided in Section 1.

**Section 4. MD 32 SEMI-ANNUAL REVENUE:** The MD 32 semi-annual revenue received under Section 1 of this Article shall be distributed as follows:

<del>MD 32 Administrative Fund</del>	<del>\$0.40</del>
MD 32 Annual Convention Fund	<del>\$0.30</del> \$0.50
International Convention Fund	<del>\$0.20</del> \$0.35
International Office Campaign Fund	<del>\$0.15</del> \$0.30
<del>Council Chairperson's Administrative Fund</del>	<del>\$0.30</del>
<del>Committee Fund</del>	<del>\$0.30</del>

District Governors' News Letters (*The Palmetto Lion*) ~~\$3.00~~

MD 32 General Budget Fund \$3.50

Total to MD 32 secretary-treasurer \$4.65

~~**Section 4. MD 32 ADMINISTRATIVE FUND:** This fund shall be used for the purpose of defraying MD 32 administrative expenses and the expenses of the MD 32 secretary treasurer in the performance of the duties of the office. Such expenses may include the cost of office supplies and services and official travel. Reimbursement for travel will be in accordance with Lions Clubs International rules of audit with the exception of lodging which is to be reimbursed to the negotiated rate for the nights of the designated function. All expenditures from this fund shall be subject to approval of the Council of Governors at its periodic meetings. Disbursement there from shall be by checks drawn and signed by the council secretary treasurer and countersigned by the council chairperson. The MD 32 secretary treasurer shall submit an annual report to the delegates at the MD 32 Annual Convention, and shall give bond in such sum and sureties as may be required by the Council of Governors.~~

**Section 5. MD 32 ANNUAL CONVENTION FUND:** In lieu of or in addition to a multiple district convention registration fee, this fund shall be used for defraying the MD 32 Annual Convention expenses such as postage, prizes for contests, reporting official convention minutes, printing credentials, certificates, official convention programs, ballots, delegates and alternates registration cards, badges; and to cover cost of entertainment provided and such other expenses approved by the Council of Governors. In any fiscal year, any balance remaining in the convention fund after payment of all convention expenses in that year shall remain in said convention fund and become available for future convention expenses and be treated as income in any fiscal year in which expended or made available solely for payment of such expenses. Such fee as the Council of Governors shall set may be collected, under procedures set by the Council of Governors, from each delegate, alternate, and guest attending the multiple district convention to defray the actual cost of convention meals and entertainment. A detailed statement showing the financial condition of the MD 32 Annual Convention fund shall be included in, and become a part of, the printed proceedings of each MD 32 Annual Convention.

**Section 6. INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FUND:** This fund shall be used for the purpose of having an exhibit at the International Convention, having a band and/or float in the International Convention parade and such other activities as will bring favorable publicity to our MD 32. This fund will also be used to pay the expenses of a coordinator to attend the International Convention when specifically authorized by the Council of Governors, ~~who~~ Generally, ~~will be~~ **the coordinator will be** the Vice Council Chair. Reimbursement for expenses shall not exceed the maximum allowed a district governor-elect by Lions Clubs International. The coordinator for the International Convention shall be appointed by the Council of Governors. This fund shall not be used for any purpose other than stated above and shall be expended only for items approved by the Council of Governors. The MD 32 coordinator for the International Convention shall submit an annual report to the delegates at the MD 32 Annual Convention.

**Section 7. INTERNATIONAL OFFICE CAMPAIGN FUND:** This fund, plus accrued interest, shall be used for the sole purpose of promoting a MD 32 Candidate for International Office. Unless other means of ~~raising~~ **providing** funds for a campaign are authorized by the Council of Governors, no other funds shall be used for any campaign. This fund shall, from year to year, be invested in a prudent manner as approved by the Council of Governors and shall be withdrawn and used only for those campaign items approved by Council of Governors.

~~**Section 8. COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON'S ADMINISTRATIVE FUND:** This fund shall be used for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the council chairperson in the performance of the duties of that office, and/or defraying the expenses of the vice council chairperson when serving in the absence of the council chairperson. Such expenses shall be limited to office supplies and services, and official travel and expenses of the council chairperson to attend council meetings, district mid-winter conventions, the MD 32 Annual and Special Conventions and USA/Canada Forums. Total funding for the year cannot exceed funds within the council chairperson's budget. Reimbursement for travel shall not exceed those allowed district governors by Lions Clubs International's rules of audit. All expenditures from this fund shall be subject to approval of the Council of Governors at its periodic meetings. The MD 32 secretary treasurer shall submit a report of the fund activity to the delegates at the MD 32 Annual Convention.~~

~~**Section 9. COMMITTEE FUND:** This fund shall be used to defray the cost of conducting training seminars; promoting Membership, Leadership, Extension and Retention development; or any other council approved committee activities. Budgets~~

~~shall be prepared by committees using these funds and submitted to the Council of Governors for approval.~~

~~**Section 10. DISTRICT GOVERNORS' NEWS LETTERS:** This fund shall be used to defray the cost of publishing the district governors' newsletters in *The Palmetto Lion*.~~

~~**Section 11. LIFE MEMBER:** International Association of Lions Clubs Life Membership does not exempt a member from paying district and multiple district dues.~~

**Section 8. MD 32 GENERAL BUDGET FUND:** This fund shall be used for the administrative, training, and promotional costs as budgeted annually by the Council of Governors. Budgeted funds shall be provided for defraying costs of the Council Chair, Vice Council Chair, Vice District Governors, and the MD 32 secretary-treasurer incurred in the performance of the official duties of these offices. Reimbursement for travel will be in accordance with Lions Clubs International rules of audit with the exception of lodging which is to be reimbursed to the negotiated rate for the nights of the designated function. All expenditures from this fund shall be subject to approval of the Council of Governors at its periodic meetings. Disbursement there from shall be by checks drawn and signed by the council secretary-treasurer. The MD 32 secretary-treasurer shall submit an annual report to the delegates at the MD 32 Annual Convention, and shall give bond in such sum and sureties as may be required by the Council of Governors.

**Section 9. RESTRICTED FUND BALANCES – MD 32 Annual convention Fund, International Convention Fund, and International Office Fund** shall require carry forward of unspent balances each fiscal period, except Council may approve transfer of fund balances between these three restricted funds based on budgetary needs. Transfers from the General Budget Fund to any of the restricted funds may also be made, but no transfers are allowed from Restricted Funds to the General Budget Fund.

**Section 10. AUDIT OF MD 32 FUNDS:** The Council of Governors shall appoint, or cause to be appointed, an auditing committee to audit the MD 32 revenue funds at the end of the fiscal Lions year. The auditor's report shall be forwarded to the MD 32 secretary-treasurer for inclusion in the minutes of the MD 32 Annual Convention held that year. The report made at the MD 32 Annual Convention shall be an interim report for information only.

## ARTICLE VII

### Nominations and Endorsement for International Director and Second Vice President Nominees

**Section 1. ENDORSEMENT PROCEDURE:** Subject to the provisions of the International Constitution and By-Laws, any member of a Lions club in MD 32 seeking endorsement of a MD 32 Annual or Special Convention as a candidate for the office of international director or second vice president shall:

- a. Deliver (by mail or in person) written notice of intention to seek such endorsement to the MD 32 secretary-treasurer no less than forty-five (45) days prior to the convening date of the MD 32 Annual or Special Convention at which such question of endorsement is to be voted upon;
- b. Deliver with said notice of intention evidence of fulfillment of the qualifications of such office set forth in the International Constitution and By-Laws.

**Section 2. NOMINATION.** Each notice of intention so delivered shall be transmitted forthwith by the council chairperson and council secretary-treasurer to the Nominating Committee of the respective convention, which shall review and perfect the same by obtaining from each prospective candidate any additional evidence of such intention and qualifications as may be necessary under the International Constitution and By-Laws, and shall place in nomination at the respective convention the name of each prospective candidate who has fulfilled said procedural and constitutional requirements.

**Section 3. SECONDING SPEECH:** Each such nominee for endorsement shall be entitled to one seconding speech of no more than three (3) minutes in duration.

**Section 4. VOTE:** The vote on the question of endorsement shall be by secret written ballot, unless there shall be