

Lions District 5M-2 Constitution And By-laws



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**CONSTITUTION
LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 5M-2**

ARTICLE I: NAME

Section 1. This organization shall be known as District 5M-2 of the International Association of Lions Clubs (hereafter referred to as "The District")

ARTICLE II: OBJECTS

Section 1. To provide an administrative structure with which to advance the Purpose and Objects of Lions Clubs International in District 5M-2.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The members of this organization shall be all Lions Clubs in this District in good standing with the Lions Clubs International and Multiple District 5M, chartered by Lions Clubs International.

ARTICLE IV: DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

Section 1. **Communication among the District**, its Cabinet members and the Member Clubs and individual Lion members shall be by one of the following methods: When written notice is specified, the use of the United States Postal Service or Electronic mail – also know as email, shall be considered legal and proper notification. Publications, including, but not limited to the District 5M-2 Constitution and by-laws, shall be considered to be readily available to the District Cabinet and its member Lion clubs, if posted on the District's official web site. The website shall contain prominent links to enable all District Lions to download and print these documents as needed. Cabinet and Club reports required to be sent to Lions Clubs International shall be sent using the method(s) designated by Lions Clubs International at the time the report is due.

Section 2. **The officers of the District** shall be the District Governor, who shall be the presiding officer, the First and Second Vice District Governors, the Cabinet Secretary, the Cabinet Treasurer, the Region Chairs and all the Presidents and Secretaries of the clubs in the District.

Section 3. **The District Governor** shall be elected at the annual Midwinter convention of the District. The District Governor shall appoint within 15 days after the International Convention the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer, the Cabinet Treasurer, One Region Chairperson for each region, one Zone Chairperson for each one in the District, and the District Committee Chairpersons. Each officer appointed by the District Governor shall be a member of a chartered Lions club in good standing within the District.

Section 4. **The First and Second Vice District Governors** shall be elected at the annual Midwinter Convention. The offices of First and Second Vice District Governors is not an automatic or mandatory step to the office of District Governor.

Section 5. Other than the office of District Governor, in the event of a vacancy in the District Governor's Cabinet or other District appointment or the moving of a District appointee from his area of Jurisdiction, the District Governor shall have power to fill such vacancy for unexpired term thereof.

- Section 6. No salary shall be paid to any officer of the District.
- Section 7. There shall be a **District Governor's Cabinet** composed of the District Governor as its presiding officer, the First and Second Vice District Governors, the Region Chairpersons, Zone Chairpersons, a Cabinet Secretary and a Cabinet Treasurer. The governor upon approval of a majority of the aforesaid cabinet, may include Committee Chairpersons of the District in the Cabinet. Inclusion of the Committee Chairpersons in the Cabinet shall confer upon them full privileges of voting, discussion, and participation in the activities of the Cabinet.
- Section 8. The District Governor shall call at least one regular **meeting of the Cabinet** each quarter during the year, and the first of these meetings shall be held within sixty days after the adjournment of the preceding International Convention. A majority of the Cabinet shall constitute a quorum. Ten days written notice of regular meetings of the Cabinet shall be given to each member thereof by the Cabinet Secretary. Special meetings of the District Governor's Cabinet may be called by the District Governor at the District Governor's discretion, or shall be called upon written request made to either the District Governor or the Cabinet Secretary by a majority of the members of the Cabinet; not less than five (5) days and not more than ten (10) days written notice of special meetings of the Cabinet shall be given to each member by the Cabinet Secretary using the appropriate notification/reporting method(s) described in the Constitution ARTICLE IV: Section 1.
- Section 9. The District Governor shall divide the District into Regions and each such Region into Zones giving due regard to the geographical locations of the clubs. All such Regions and Zones shall be subject to change by the District Governor as is deemed necessary for the best interest of Lionism and the individual Lions Clubs.
- Section 10. Meetings of representatives of all clubs in Region, with the Region Chairperson presiding, may be held during the fiscal year at times and places fixed by the Zone Chairperson of the respective Zone.
- Section 11. The District Governor in accordance with Multiple District 5M Constitution, Article IX, shall appoint members to the Multiple District Major Committees.
- Section 12. In each Zone, the Zoneperson and the Presidents and Secretaries of the clubs in the Zone shall compose a **District Governor's Advisory Committee**, with the Zone Chairperson as Chairperson thereof. At a date, time, and place called by the Zone Chairperson this Committee shall hold a first meeting by September 15th; a second meeting in the month of November; a third meeting in the month of February or March or April.
- Section 13. There may be in the District a **District Governor's Honorary Committee** appointed by the District Governor. The membership of this Committee shall consist of all Past International Officers, Past International Directors, and Past District Governors. The Immediate Past District Governor may be the Chairperson of the Committee. The Committee shall meet when and as called by its Chairperson or the District Governor.
- Section 14. The District Governor shall provide for all new **Club Officers a school of instruction** during April or May. The Region Chairperson shall act as Chairperson thereof.

ARTICLE V: FINANCES

- Section 1. **Annual Tax.** To provide revenue to defray the expense of district 5M-2 and the Multiple District, an annual tax for each member shall be levied upon every club in the District, and shall be paid in advance by each club, except new and reorganized clubs. The payment schedule and monetary amount of the annual tax is defined in Article I, Section 1 of the By-Laws. This tax shall be collected from the clubs in the Sub-District by the Cabinet Treasurer and the Cabinet Treasurer shall place all said monies in an account and remit monies to the Multiple District Council Treasurer.
- Section 2. New and reorganized clubs shall not be required to pay any Multiple District Tax for the semi-annual period in which their establishment or reorganization occurs.
- Section 3. Expenses of the District Governor in connection with attendance at the International Convention shall be considered a Sub-District administrative expense. Reimbursement for such expenses shall be paid up to the amount outlined in the Rules of Audit of Lions Clubs International.
- Section 4. The District Governor and Cabinet shall not incur obligations in any fiscal year which will effect an unbalanced budget or deficit in said fiscal year.
- Section 5. The Cabinet Treasurer shall be bonded in such amount and with such surety company as shall be approved by the District Governor and the cost of the same shall be an administrative expense.
- Section 6. The District Governor shall provide for an annual or more frequent audit of the books and accounts of the Cabinet Treasurer, and a statement of the financial condition of the District shall be sent to Lions Clubs International and each Club in the District within sixty (60) days after the close of the fiscal year by the District Governor then in office using the appropriate notification/reporting method(s) described in the Constitution ARTICLE IV: Section 1.

ARTICLE VI: SUB-DISTRICT CONVENTION

- Section 1. An **annual convention of the District** shall be held in each year during January or February at a place selected by a previous annual Midwinter Convention of the District and at a date and time fixed by the District Governor. The Convention may be recessed at a date and time to the Multiple Convection, and be reconvened to conduct any such unfinished business.
- Section 2. The Members of the District Cabinet shall be the officers of the annual District Convention.
- Section 3. The District Governor shall appoint, designate the chairperson of, and fill any vacancies occurring in the following District Governor Committees: Sergeant-at-Arms, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, Rules, Convention City, Nominations and Elections, Constitutions and By-Laws, Credentials, Resolutions, and International Convention.

- Section 4. Each chartered club in good standing in the Lions Clubs International and the District shall be represented by one or more delegates to the annual District Convention and shall be entitled in each such convention to one voting delegate and one alternate for each ten (10) members or major fraction thereof, of said club as shown by the records of the International Office the first day of the month last preceding that month during which the convention is held. The major fraction which is referred to in this section shall be five (5) or more members. Each certified delegate present in person may cast one vote only for each office to be filled by, and one vote only on each issue to be voted on by members of, said convention. Unless otherwise specified herein, the affirmative vote of a majority of the delegates voting on any question shall be the act of the convention.
- Section 5. Each Past District Governor of this Association shall be entitled to full delegate privileges at each District convention. The delegate privilege shall not count in the Past District Governor's club's delegate number.
- Section 6. The attendance in person of a majority of the delegates registered at a convention shall constitute a quorum at any session of the convention.
- Section 7. The District Governor shall retain and have power to change at any time for good reason the convention site chosen by a previous District Convention, and neither the District Governor, nor the District, nor any member of the District Cabinet shall incur any liability thereby to any club or club member in the District.
- Section 8. Within (60) days after the close of the Convention an official report of the Convention proceedings shall be sent to Lions Club International and each club in the District by the Cabinet Secretary using the appropriate notification/reporting method(s) described in the Constitution ARTICLE IV: Section 1.

ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS

- Section 1. This Constitution may be amended only at a Midwinter Convention by amendments reported by the Convention Committee on Constitution and By-Laws and adopted by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast.
- Section 2. No Amendment shall be so reported or voted upon unless the same shall have been furnished in writing to each club and to the Chairperson of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee no less than thirty (30) days prior to the convening date of the annual Midwinter Convention with notice that the same will be voted upon at said Convention using the appropriate notification/reporting method(s) described in the Constitution ARTICLE IV: Section 1.
- Section 3. Each Amendment shall take effect at the close of the Convention at which adopted unless otherwise specified in the Amendment.
- Section 4. Within ninety (90) days of adjournment of the 5M-2 Midwinter Convention the secretary of each club within the District shall receive a copy of all amendments approved at the Midwinter Convention using the appropriate notification/reporting method(s) described in the Constitution ARTICLE IV: Section 1.

ARTICLE VIII: CONSISTENCY

Section 1. This Constitution shall be consistent with the Constitution of Lions Club International and Multiple District 5M. If any part hereof is found not to be consistent with such Constitutions, only the inconsistent part shall be voided and superseded by such overriding Constitution and such inconsistency shall not affect the validity of this Constitution as a whole.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I: NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

Section 1. Communication among the District, its Cabinet members and the Member Clubs and individual Lion members shall be by one of the following methods: When written notice is specified, the use of the United States Postal Service or Electronic mail – also know as email, shall be considered legal and proper notification. Publications, including, but not limited to the District 5M-2 Constitution and by-laws, shall be considered to be readily available to the District Cabinet and its member Lion clubs, if posted on the District's official web site. The website shall contain prominent links to enable all District Lions to download and print these documents as needed. Cabinet and Club reports required to be sent to Lions Clubs International shall be sent using the method(s) designated by Lions Clubs International at the time the report is due.

ARTICLE II: FINANCES

Section 1. **Annual Tax.** To provide revenue to defray the expense of district 5M-2 and the Multiple District, an annual tax of thirteen dollars and ninety cents (\$13.90) for each member shall be levied upon every club in the District, and shall be paid in advance by each club, except new and reorganized clubs, in two semi-annual payments as follows: six dollars and ninety five cents (\$6.95) on July first of each year to cover the semi-annual period of July 1 through December 31st, and six dollars and ninety five cents (\$6.95) on January 1st of each year to cover the semi-annual period of January 1 through June 30. Such billings shall be based on the roster of each club as of the first day of July and the first day of January, respectively. This tax shall be collected from the clubs in the Sub-District by the Cabinet Treasurer and the Cabinet Treasurer shall place all said monies in an account and remit monies to the Multiple District Council Treasurer. The annual tax of thirteen dollars and ninety cents (\$13.90) shall be apportioned as follows:

- a. \$5.70 to the Sub-District Administrative Fund
- b. \$1.40 to the District Convention Fund
- c. \$1.00 to help defray the expenses of the sitting Governor to attend the forthcoming International Convention.
- d. \$0.50 to help defray the travel expense of the District Governor Elect's spouse/adult companion to the DGE's incoming International Convention
- e. \$3.84 to the 5M Multiple District Administrative Fund
- f. \$0.25 to Campaign Fund controlled by the 5M Multiple District Council for the election of a candidate for an international Director or Third Vice-President from this Multiple District
- g. \$0.46 to be set aside in a separate fund to be known as the Multiple District Geographical Assistance Fund, which is to be divided amongst the Individual Districts in the Multiple on the basis of their respective geographical areas so that each District in the Multiple shall be entitled to receive in each year the proportion of the Multiple District Geographical Assistance Fund that its Geographical area bears to the total Geographic area of the Multiple 5M District.
- h. \$0.50 to be set aside in a separate fund to be known as the Multiple District Annual Convention Fund. Expenditures from this fund to be used to defray necessary expenses incurred in the holding of a Multiple District Convention which were previously collected through the imposition of a registration fee charged all delegates, alternates and

members.

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- i. \$0.25 MERLO Training Fund (Membership, Extension, Retention, Leadership and Orientation training.

ARTICLE III: DISTRICT NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. Each District Governor shall appoint by written notification received at least sixty (60) days prior to the Midwinter Convention, a Nominating Committee of not more than five (5) members, each of whom shall be a member in good standing of a different Lions Club in good standing in the District, and shall not at the time of their appointment hold any District or International office. The names and addresses of the Lions so appointed shall be sent to all clubs in the District at least thirty (30) days prior to the convening day of the Midwinter Convention. The above notifications shall use the appropriate notification/reporting method(s) described in the By-Laws ARTICLE I: Section 1.

Section 2. Any member of a club in the District seeking the office of District Governor, First or Second Vice District Governor shall file intention to so run in writing with the District Governor thirty (30) days prior to the convening of the business meeting of the Midwinter Convention and furnish therewith evidence of compliance with the qualifications for said office set out in the International Constitution and By-Laws. The Nominating Committee shall place in nomination at the Midwinter Convention the names of all candidates so qualified. If none are received and/or so qualified, then, but then only, nominations for the office may be made from the floor. Each candidate shall be allowed one nominating speech of no more than five minutes duration and a seconding speech of no more than three minutes duration. The above filing notice shall use the appropriate notification/reporting method(s) described in the By-Laws ARTICLE I: Section 1.

Section 3. **The election shall be by a secret written ballot.** The candidate receiving the largest number of votes cast shall be declared elected. In case of a tie on any ballot, balloting shall continue on the tied candidates until one is elected.

Section 4. In the event of a vacancy in the office of District Governor, the same shall be filled in accordance with the provisions of the International Constitution. The remaining Cabinet officers and members of the District Governor's Honorary Committee shall convene at a date, time and place called and determined by the Immediate Past District Governor to pick a replacement for recommendation to the International Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV: DUTIES

Section 1. **District Governor**

The District Governor shall act under the general supervision of the International Board of Directors as the representative of Lions International in this District and shall have general supervision over all Lions therein. In addition, the District Governor shall:

- a. Further the Purposes and Objects of Lions International;
- b. Supervise organization of new Lions Clubs;
- c. Promote cordial relations among the chartered Lions Clubs;
- d. Preside over all cabinet, convention and other District meetings;
- e. Endeavor to visit each club at least once during the term of office;
- f. Exercise such supervision and authority over Cabinet officers and District committee appointees as is provided in this Constitution, including, but not by way of limitation, the following:
 - I. Supervise the Cabinet Secretary and the Cabinet Treasurer, designate a depository(s) for said funds and authorize the payment therefrom of all legitimate expenses pertaining to the administration of the affairs of the District;
 - II. Secure, set the amount of and approve the surety company issuing The surety bond for the Cabinet Treasurer;
 - III. Secure, semi-annually or more frequently, District financial reports from the Cabinet Treasurer;
 - IV. Provide for an annual or more frequent audit of the books and accounts of the Cabinet Treasurer and set up a definite schedule of dates, times and places of Cabinet meetings to be held during the fiscal year.
- g. Submit a current itemized statement of total District receipts and expenditures to the annual District Convention;
- h. Submit such other reports and perform such other duties as may be required by the International Board of Directors;
- i. Deliver, forthwith, at the termination of term of office, all District accounts, funds and records to the successor in office.

Section 2. First and Second Vice District Governors shall:

- a. Attend the regular and special meetings of the Cabinet;
- b. Assist the District Governor in promoting Lionism in the District;
- c. When called upon to do so by the District Governor, represent the District Governor at scheduled visitations or special requested meetings.

Section 3. Cabinet Secretary

Under the supervision and direction of the District Governor, using the appropriate notification/reporting method(s) described in By-Laws ARTICLE I: Section 1, the Cabinet Secretary shall:

- a. Keep an accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Cabinet, and within ten (10) days after each meeting forward copies of the same to all members of the Cabinet, and the office of Lions Clubs International;
- b. Take and keep minutes of the District Convention and furnish copies of the same to Lions Clubs International, the District Governor, the members of the Cabinet, and the secretary of each club in the District;
- c. Assist the District Governor and the Cabinet in conducting the business of the District and perform such other duties as are specified or implied in this Constitution and By-Laws, or as may be directed from time to time by the District Governor or Cabinet;
- d. Sign notices and documents issued by the District through the Cabinet Secretary's office;
- e. Make an annual report to the Cabinet at its meeting immediately proceeding the annual Multiple District Convention, and such other reports at such other times as the District Governor or Cabinet may require;

Section 4. Cabinet Treasurer

Under the supervision and direction of the District Governor, the Cabinet Treasurer shall:

- a. Collect and receipt for all per capita taxes levied hereunder on members and clubs in the District, deposit the same in such bank or banks as the District Governor shall determine and disburse the same by order of the District Governor;
- b. Remit and pay over to the Multiple District Council Secretary Treasurer the Multiple District Convention Fund Per Capita Tax, if any, collected in the District, and secure a proper receipt therefor;
- c. Keep accurate books and records of account, and permit inspection of the same by the District Governor, and any Cabinet member, and any club (or authorized agent of any of them) at any reasonable time for any proper purpose. Upon direction of the District Governor or the Cabinet, the Cabinet Treasurer shall furnish any such books and records as requested to any auditor appointed by the District Governor.
- d. Secure bond for the faithful performance of duties in such sum and with such sureties as may be required by the District Governor.

Section 5. Region Chairperson.

Under the supervision and direction of the District Governor, the Region Chairperson shall:

- a. Attend the regular and special meetings of the Cabinet;
- b. Assist the District Governor in promoting Lionism in the Region by performing such duties as may be delegated from time to time by the District Governor;
- c. Recommend qualified Lions in the Region for appointment as Zone Chairperson;
- d. Endeavor to have every club in the Region operating under a duly adopted Club Constitution and By-Laws;
- e. Promote representation at International and Multiple District Conventions by at least the full quota of delegates to which clubs in the Region are entitled;
- f. Supervise and assist the Zone Chairperson of the Region in the performance of their official duties and cooperate with them in arranging and holding Zone meetings and District Governor's Advisory Committee meetings;
- g. Plan, implement, and chair a school of instruction for newly-elected club officers to be held in April or May.

In the event the Region Chairperson for any reason cannot or does not, in the judgment of the District Governor, perform the duties of the office, or in the event the office is for any reason vacated, the District Governor shall appoint a successor to serve for the unexpired term.

Section 6. Zone Chairperson.

Under the control and supervision of the District Governor and Region Chairperson, the Zone Chairperson shall:

- a. Make a report of each District Governor's Advisory Committee meeting (zone meeting) and send copies within ten (10) days thereafter to lions Clubs International and to the District Governor and Region Chairperson using the appropriate notification/reporting method(s) described in the By-Laws ARTICLE I: Section 1;

- b. Endeavor to have every club within the Zone operating under a duly adopted Club Constitution and By-Laws;
- c. Arrange, with the cooperation of the Region Chairperson regularly scheduled Zone meetings;
- d. Encourage inter-club meetings and social activities;
- e. Promote representation at International and District Conventions by at least the full quota of delegates to which clubs in the Zone are entitled.

In the event the Zone Chairperson for any reason cannot or, in the judgment of the District Governor, does not perform the duties of the office, or in the event the office is for any reason vacated, the District Governor shall appoint a successor to serve for the unexpired term.

Section 7. **District Governor's Cabinet.**

The District Governor's Cabinet shall:

- a. Assist the District Governor in the performance of the District Governor's duties and in the formulation of administrative plans and policies affecting the welfare of the Lionism within the District;
- b. Serve in an advisory and administrative capacity only;
- c. Receive from the Region Chairpersons reports and recommendations which concern the clubs and Zones.

Section 8. **District Governor's Honorary Committee.**

It shall act under the direction of the District Governor in the promotion of harmony throughout the District. The Chairperson of this Committee shall attend meetings of the Cabinet when requested by the District Governor.

Section 9. **The Sergeant-at-Arms.**

The Sergeant-at-Arms shall maintain order and decorum at the respective Conventions and meetings and perform such other duties as are incident to the office under Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.

ARTICLE V: COMMITTEES

Section 1. The **Credential Committee** of the District Convention shall be composed of the District Governor, as Chairperson, the Cabinet Secretary, the Cabinet Treasurer, and two other non-officers of the District appointed by the District Governor. The Credentials Committee shall have the powers and perform the duties set forth in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.

Section 2. The District Governor shall appoint, designate the Chairperson of, and fill any vacancies occurring in the following District Convention Committees: Sergeant-at-Arms, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, Rules, Convention City, Nominations and Elections, Constitution and By-Laws, Credentials, Resolutions, and International Convention. Except for the Credentials Committee, which make-up is specified in Section 1 above, each Region shall have at least one representative on each such committee. These committees shall perform such duties as the District Governor shall designate.

ARTICLE VI: RULES FOR CONVENTION PROCEDURE

- Section 1. The Mid-Winter Convention shall be hosted by one (1) zone of the zones in District 5M-2 on a sequential rotating basis. The zone hosting the Mid-Winter Convention shall no later than thirty (30) days prior to the Convention present the District Governor all information that the Governor deems necessary including but not limited to the location of the Convention that the zone is hosting. All clubs in the zone hosting the Convention shall have representation on and shall participate in the planning of and the carrying out of the activities of the Convention.
- Section 2. The District Governor shall arrange the Order of Business for the Midwinter and Multiple 5M Convention, and the same shall be the order of the day for all sessions.
- Section 3. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Constitution and By-Laws, or in the Rules of Procedure adopted for a meeting, all questions of Order and Procedure in any District meeting or convention, any meeting of the District Cabinet, a Region, Zone or member club or of any group of committee of any one of them shall be determined by Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.

ARTICLE VII: NOMINATION AND ENDORSEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR AND THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT NOMINEES

- Section 1. Subject to the provisions of the International Constitution and By-Laws, any member of a Lions Club in the District seeking endorsement of a District Convention as a candidate for the office of International Director or Third Vice-President shall:
- a. Deliver (by the appropriate notification/reporting method(s) described in the By-Laws ARTICLE I: Section 1. or in person), written Notice of Intention to seek such endorsement to the District Governor and to the Multiple District Council Secretary-Treasurer by January 1st prior to the convening date of the respective 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 for such office set forth in the International Constitution and By-Laws.
- Section 2. Each Notice of Intention so delivered shall be transmitted forthwith by the District Governor 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. Each such nominee for endorsement shall be entitled to one seconding speech of no more than three (3) minutes duration.

- Section 4. The vote on the question of endorsement shall be by secret written ballot, unless there shall be only one nominee seeking the same, in which event a voice vote may be taken, the nominee receiving the majority of votes cast shall be declared endorsed (elected) as the candidate of the convention and District. In the event of a tie, or failure of one nominee to receive the required majority on any ballot, balloting shall continue with respect to the two nominees only who received the largest number of votes on the previous ballot until one receives the required majority of the votes cast.
- Section 5. Certification of Endorsement by the respective convention shall be made in writing to the International Office by the District official designated, and in accordance with the requirements set forth in the International Constitution and By-Laws.
- Section 6. No endorsement of any candidacy of any member of a Lions Club in this District shall be valid unless and until the provisions of this Article have been met.

ARTICLE VIII: FISCAL YEAR

- Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended only at a Midwinter Convention by amendments reported by the Convention Committee on Constitution and By-Laws and adopted by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast.
- Section 2. No amendment shall be so reported or voted upon unless the same shall have been furnished in writing, using the appropriate notification/reporting method(s) described in the By-Laws ARTICLE I: Section 1., to each club and to the Chairperson of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee no less than thirty (30) days prior to the convening date of the annual Midwinter Convention with notice that the same will be voted upon at said convention.
- Section 3. Each amendment shall take effect at the close of the convention at which adopted unless otherwise specified in the Amendment.
- Section 4. Within ninety (90) days of adjournment of the 5M-2 Midwinter Convention the secretary of each club within the District shall receive a copy of all amendments approved at the Midwinter Convention using the appropriate notification/reporting method(s) described in the By-Laws ARTICLE I: Section 1.

ARTICLE IX: EFFECTIVE DATE OF ADOPTION

This constitution and By-Laws shall take effect when adopted by the District at the Midwinter Convention at which the same is adopted by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast.

You may download copy from the District 5M-2 Website:
<http://www.5M2Lions.org>