

# Constitution

Lions International Trading Pin Club

1991

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A special thanks to Lioness Dorothy Fogelman of Washington State for taking responsibility for the printing and distribution of the Constitution to the LITPC membership

**NOTE:** This copy of the LITPC Constitution has been annotated to include the Amendments that have been approved by the membership since the original approval in 1991. These changes are reflected in italics.

#### CONSTITUTION

### LIONS INTERNATIONAL TRADING PIN CLUB

# **ARTICLE I. - NAME & OBJECT**

Section 1. - NAME. This organization shall be known as the LIONS INTERNATIONAL TRADING PIN CLUB, hereinafter referred to as "the LITPC" or "the Club".

**Section 2. - PURPOSE**. The purpose of this organization is to foster and develop the avocation of trading and collecting Lions "trading" pins between Lions, Lioness, Lions Club, and Lioness Clubs and, resultantly to further strengthen International Lionism through International good will.

Section 3. - TRADING. Members shall be encouraged to trade pins at Lions conventions, conferences, and other similar Lions gatherings, and by mail with other members.

### **ARTICLE II. - MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. - MEMBERS. Membership in the LITPC shall be granted to any member in good standing of a Lions, *Lioness-Lions*, Lioness, or Leo Club who submits their application for membership on the official application form, to the Membership Chairman, in keeping with the provisions of Section 1a, Article V of this Constitution. (Fifth Amendment)

Section 2. - FEES & DUES. Each member shall pay an entrance fee, which must be received by the Membership Chairman before such member is included on the Club membership rolls. The entrance fee at the time this Constitution is adopted is \$17.50, which includes the initial Annual Dues of \$7.50. Each member shall pay dues annually on July 1 and no later than August 31 in order to have their name included in the LITPC Roster, which shall be issued in October. The Annual Dues at the time this Constitution is adopted is \$7.50. The Entrance Fee and the Annual Dues hereafter shall be determined by the Board of Directors and approved by the membership of the Club.

Section 3. - MEMBERSHIP CARDS. An appropriate Membership Card shall be issued each year to each member, as funds permit.

### Section 4. - RESIGNATION & REMOVAL OF MEMBERS.

a. A member may resign at any time by either written notice or by not paying the Annual Dues prescribed in Section 2 of this Article.

b. Any member may be removed from the membership rolls by a majority vote of the LITPC Board of Directors for any conduct which is in conflict with the rules and regulations or policy of the LITPC.

c. Any member ceasing to be a Lion or Lioness in good standing shall be automatically dropped from the LITPC membership rolls.

# **ARTICLE III. - OFFICERS & DIRECTORS**

The officers of the LITPC shall be a President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Immediate Past President, Secretary, and Treasurer. In addition, there shall be six (6) elected Directors of which three (3) will be serving two year terms and three (3) will be serving one year terms. Further, there shall be a LITPC Legal Counsel. (First and Third Amendments)

Section 1. - LIMITS OF TENURE. The elective officers shall be elected for a term of two years, unless they voluntarily resign from office or are removed from that office, as provided in the Constitution. *Except for the Secretary, Treasurer, and Legal Counsel, no officer may serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office. The Legal Counsel is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the President, with the advice and consent of the LITPC Board of Directors, without regard to tenure limitations. The limits on tenure for the position of Secretary and Treasurer shall be at the pleasure of LITPC Board of Directors. In this connection, a determination must be made on an individual basis that it would be in the best interest of the organization to continue a particular individual in the office in question for a period longer than the two consecutive two year terms. Any such determination shall be valid for one additional two year term. Upon expiration of the additional term, further extension of the LITPC Board of Directors to authorize an extension of tenure must be made prior to April 1 of the year in which the term of office is scheduled to expire. These determinations merely authorized the individuals in question to stand for reelection at the next scheduled LITPC Annual Meeting. Nothing herein is intended to discourage any other qualified member of the LITPC from seeking the office in question. (Sixth Amendment)* 

### Section 2. - DUTIES.

**a. PRESIDENT**. Except in the case of a vacancy under the provisions of Section 4a of this Article III, only a Club member who has served in the office of Vice-President may be elected to the office of President. The President shall have general supervisory powers over all matters concerning the LITPC. He shall be an ex-officio member of all Committees. He shall make all appointments as may be necessary or authorized. He shall perform all the duties delegated to him by this Constitution. He shall preside at all meetings of the Club and the meetings of the LITPC Board of Directors, which may be convened during the interim between annual meetings.

**b. VICE-PRESIDENTS**. Except in the case of a vacancy under the provisions of Section 4b of this Article III, only a Club member who has served as a Secretary, Treasurer, or Director may be elected to the office of Vice President. The Vice Presidents shall assist the President in the conduct of the LITPC business, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to them from time to time by the President. If for any reason, the President is unable to perform his duties, the ranking Vice-President shall perform the duties of and have the same authority as, the President.

**c. IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT**. The Immediate Past President shall be the principal advisor to the President and shall have a full vote on all matters brought before the Board of Directors.

**d. SECRETARY.** The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all meetings of the Club and the LITPC Board of Directors meetings, and shall perform other duties as may be assigned from time to time by the President. He shall submit by mail to the officers of the Club all matters required to be passed on to them and shall advise the President as to all matters coming to his attention not otherwise herein provided for.

e. TREASURER. The Treasurer shall have general charge of all monies of the LITPC. He shall make a quarterly report of the financial condition of the LITPC to all members of the LITPC Board of Directors and, as requested, to Lions Clubs International. All monies shall be promptly deposited in a bank account which may be designated by him but which shall be approved by the LITPC Board of Directors. He shall pay all bills and obligations of the LITPC if the expenditure was budgeted and approved by the LITPC Board of Directors. The LITPC Board of Directors shall determine whether the Treasurer shall be bonded.

**f. DIRECTORS**. The six (6) Directors shall participate in all discussions of matters brought before the Board of Directors, and shall perform such duties as may be assigned to them from time to time by the President.

g. LITPC LEGAL COUNSEL. The LITPC Legal Counsel shall be a member of the LITPC and shall be appointed by the LITPC President to serve as a full voting member of the LITPC Board of Directors on all matters brought before the Board. He shall provide necessary legal advise and counsel (probono) on all matters of a contractual nature which may affect the LITPC. (First Amendment)

### Section 3. - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

**a. FREQUENCY.** The Board of Directors shall hold a meeting in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the LITPC, and at such other times and places as the President, in his own discretion may or upon written request of three (3) Board members, shall designate.

**b. QUORUM.** A quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors shall consist of a majority of the members of the Board and the act of a majority of the members present at any duly constituted meeting of the Board of Directors shall constitute the act of the Board. The Board of Directors may take any action consistent with its powers under this Constitution without a meeting by a consent in writing signed by every member of the Board.

Section 4. - REMOVAL & REPLACEMENT OF OFFICERS. Any officer may be removed by a plurality vote of the Board of Directors for negligence, for non-performance of the duties of his office as described in Section 2 of this Article, or for failure to comply with the Rules and Regulations or Policy of the LITPC.

a. **PRESIDENT.** Upon the removal, death, or resignation of the President, the First Vice President shall advance to the Presidency, or if he chooses not to advance, the Second Vice President shall advance to the Presidency. If for any reason, there is no Vice President or if they choose not to advance, the Immediate Past President shall assume the role as Acting President until such time as a special election can be conducted to fill the unexpired term. The Acting President shall consult with the remaining members of the Board of Directors to determine the time for the special election, to include balloting by mail. (Seventh Amendment)

**b. VICE-PRESIDENTS.** If the office of First Vice-President shall become vacant for any reason, *the Second Vice-President shall advance to the office of First Vice President and the vacancy caused to the office of Second Vice President shall remain vacant until the next Annual Meeting, at which time an election shall be held to fill the vacancy. If advancement to the office of President, removal, death, or resignation would cause a vacancy of <i>both Vice-President offices*, the remaining members of the LITPC Board of Directors shall be empowered only to elect a member to fill the unexpired term of the office of First Vice-President. (Seventh Amendment)

**c. SECRETARY & TREASURER**. If the office of Secretary and/or the office of Treasurer shall become vacant for any reason, the President shall appoint one of the Directors to assume said duties until such time as a special election can be conducted, to include balloting by mail.

**d. DIRECTORS.** In the event of a vacancy of not more than three (3) Directors, for any reason, the position(s) shall remain vacant until the next Annual Meeting, at which time an election will be held to fill the unexpired term(s). In the event of a vacancy of more than three (3) Director positions, for any reasons, the remaining members of the Board of Directors shall be empowered to fill the vacancies to assure a minimum of three (3) Director positions.

**Section 5.** - **COMPENSATION**. No officer shall receive any compensation for services in the performance of the duties of his office. He may be reimbursed for duly approved reasonable administrative expenses of postage, telephone, and stationery. Provided there are available funds, the Board of Directors may authorize specific reimbursement for specific projects by officers in the performance of duties for the LITPC when such duties are considered to be above and beyond the normal performance of the position. All such special compensation MUST be pre-approved by the LITPC Board of Directors.

# ARTICLE IV. - ANNUAL MEETINGS & ELECTIONS

# Section 1. - ANNUAL MEETING.

a. The Annual Meeting shall be held at a time and place during a Lions Clubs International Convention, or at an Alternate Site location, as deemed appropriate by the LITPC Board of Directors, at which time all necessary business shall be transacted and the officers for the following year shall be elected. When the Board of Directors of the LITPC determines that there will be insufficient attendance of the membership at a Lions Clubs International Convention to conduct the business of the Club, based on a survey of the total membership, the President shall give the membership a minimum of 60 days notice of the date and location of the meeting. (Second and Fourth Amendment).

b. The Annual Meeting shall be conducted under and be governed by Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

# Section 2. - ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

a. The election of officers shall take place during the Annual Meeting of the LITPC, pursuant to Section 1a of this Article.

b. The Nominating Committee, as authorized in Section 1c, Article V, shall present and nominate a slate of officers to be elected. The slate of officers presented by the Nominating Committee shall not include more than one person from any given State of the United States of America. Additional nominations shall be called for from the floor, without regard to the residency of the individual nominated so long as there is no conflict with the provisions of Sections 2a and 2b, Article III of this Constitution. If no nominations are made from the floor, the officers nominated by this Nominating Committee may be elected by acclamation. If there is a contest for any position, the presiding officer shall call for a written, secret vote. The candidate(s) receiving the most votes cast for each office by the Club members in attendance at the meeting shall be declared elected.

# **ARTICLE V. - COMMITTEES**

**Section 1. - STANDING COMMITTEES.** The Chairpersons of these Standing Committees who are not already full voting members of the Board of Directors shall be appointed by the President as soon after the election as possible and shall become full voting members of the Board of Directors. (Eighth Amendment)

**a. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**. *The LITPC First Vice President shall be the Chairperson of this Committee. The* committee shall be responsible for publicity on membership in the LITPC; maintaining an accurate record of each member in the LITPC, to include mailing address, telephone numbers, and dues status; and providing reports requested by the Board of Directors. (Eighth Amendment)

**b.** *NEWSLETTER* **COMMITTEE.** This committee shall be responsible for the publication of the official LITPC Bulletin. It may also be assigned other responsibilities of an editorial nature. (Eighth Amendment)

**c. NOMINATING COMMITTEE.** *The LITPC Immediate Past President shall be the Chairperson of this Committee.* The committee shall select a slate of officers to be elected and submit the slate to the President and the Bulletin Committee *for publication in the Spring issue of the LITPC newsletter. (Eighth Amendment)* 

**d. CONVENTION COMMITTEE.** *The LITPC Second Vice President shall be the Chairperson of this Committee. The* committee shall be responsible for the arrangements for the LITPC during the conduct of the LITPC Annual Meeting. It shall arrange for an appropriate meeting place at which to hold the Board of Directors meetings and the Annual Meeting of the LITPC. (Eighth Amendment)

e. POLICY COMMITTEE. This committee, chaired by an active LITPC member, shall be responsible for the development of all policies governing the operation of the LITPC Board of Directors and for maintaining the currency of all such policies. The LITPC Board of Directors shall have final approval authority of all such policies and may rescind any such policy at their discretion. The membership of this Committee shall be the appointed Chairman, the three LITPC Vice Presidents and another LITPC member chosen by the Chairman. (Eighth Amendment)

*f.* LEGAL COMMITTEE. This Committee, chaired by an active LITPC member who is also an attorney-at-law, shall be responsible for providing legal counsel on all matters brought before the LITPC Board of Directors and shall serve as a principal advisor to the LITPC President on all other matters. (Eighth Amendment)

g.. WEB SITE COMMITTEE. This Committee shall be responsible for the development and maintenance of the LITPC web site and for reporting to the Board of Directors, as requested. (Eighth Amendment)

Section 2. - AD HOC COMMITTEES. Special committees to perform special acts for the LITPC may be appointed by the President, as deemed necessary and appropriate.

# **ARTICLE VI. - RULES & REGULATIONS**

**Section 1. - ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR**. The elected officers shall be duly elected and installed at the Annual Meeting of the LITPC. The officers shall assume the duties of their respective offices as of that day and shall relinquish those duties at the next Annual Meeting following the election of the new officers.

**Section 2. - FINANCIAL YEAR**. The financial year shall be from July 1 of the current year to June 30 of the following year. The LITPC Treasurer shall submit a detailed report for the year at the Annual Meeting. This report shall be furnished to Lions International, if requested.

**Section 3.** - **AMENDMENTS TO THIS CONSITIUTION**. This Constitution may be amended by action of the Board of Directors of the International Association of Lions Club, alone, or by an amendment by a majority vote of the LITPC Club members present at any Annual Meeting, provided a copy of any proposed change is submitted in writing to each member at least 30 days before said meeting.

Section 4. - JURISDICTION OF THIS CONSTITUTION. This Constitution may be amended by action of the Board of Directors of the International Association of Lions Clubs. Any provision to this Constitution that is, or is found by said Board of Directors to be, in conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws or any policy of said International Board of Directors, shall be null and void and of no force and effect. All officers, members, operations, and activities of the LITPC shall be subject to and under the exclusive jurisdiction of said International Board of Directors may override the action or inaction of any officer, Board of Directors, member, members, meeting or meetings of the LITPC.

### Section 5. - CONDUCT OF MEMBERS.

a. Each Club member is required to always comply with the provisions of this LITPC Constitution and to consistently conduct his/her Lions trading pin activities in a highly ethical, courteous, and considerate manner.

b. It is contrary to the philosophy of the LITPC to ever ask a fellow Lion, Lioness, or any member of a Lions family, for more than one pin in exchange for one pin, such as two pins for one, three pins for one, etc.

c. No Club member may sell a Lions trading pin, except as part of the distribution of a newly produced pin in which the purchasing Lion or Lioness is a member of the District or club. Under this circumstance, the charge to such purchaser will be the actual cost of the pins, to include transportation, customs duty, royalty charge, and fair distribution costs.

d. No member shall duplicate any trading pin.

Section 6. - DESIGN, ORDERING, AND MANUFACTURE OF LIONS TRADING PINS. Any Club member involved in the design, ordering, and/or manufacture of a Lions trading pin must fulfill the requirements of the Lions International Board of Directors in the procurement of such a pin. This requirement is intended to assure that the procedure concerning use of the Lions emblem on trading pins are fully complied with to the entire satisfaction of Lions Clubs International.

# **ARTICLE VII. - DISSOLUTION**

In the event of discontinuance of the activities of the LITPC, the Board of Directors of the LITPC shall instruct the Treasurer to donate the entire treasury balance, after full payment of all debts, to the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

# **ARTICLE VIII. - EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS CONSTITUTION**

The provisions of this complete revision of the LITPC Constitution shall become effective upon approval by the membership in attendance at the 1991 Annual Meeting in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

#### FIRST AMENDMENT

Approved 06-06-92, Golden, CO. Bold type within the paragraphs affected indicates that which has been ADDED to the original Constitution

### **ARTICLE III. - OFFICERS & DIRECTORS**

The preamble paragraph has been amended as follows:

"The officers of the LITPC shall be a President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Third Vice-President, Immediate Past President, Secretary and Treasurer. In addition, there shall be six (6) elected Directors of which three (3) will be serving two year terms and three (3) will be serving one year terms. **Further, there shall be a LITPC Legal Counsel**."

Section 1. - LIMITS OF TENURE. The elective officers shall be elected for a term of two years, unless they voluntarily resign from office or are removed from that office, as provided in the Constitution. No officer may serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office, except the Legal Counsel, who is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the President, without any limits on tenure.

#### Section 2. - DUTIES.

(At the end of this Section subparagraph "g." is added as follows)

**g. LITPC LEGAL COUNSEL**. The LITPC Legal Counsel shall be a member of the LITPC and shall be appointed by the LITPC President to serve as a full voting member of the LITPC Board of Directors on all matters brought before the Board. He shall provide necessary legal advise and counsel (probono) on all matters of a contractual nature which may affect the LITPC.

#### SECOND AMENDMENT

Approved 06-06-92, Golden, CO. Bold type within the paragraphs affected indicates that which has been CHANGED from the original Constitution,

#### **ARTICLE IV. - ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS**

Section 1. - Annual Meeting.

A. On Line 10, delete the "90" insert "60".

The second sentence of this provision, beginning on LINE 6 of the subparagraph shall read as follows:

"When the Board of Directors of the LITPC determines that there will be insufficient attendance of the membership at a Lions Clubs International Convention to conduct the business of the Club, based on a survey of the total membership, the President shall give the membership a minimum of **60** days notice of the date and location of the meeting."

#### THIRD AMENDMENT

Approved 07-01-06, Boston, MA to eliminate the office of Third Vice President. The amended portion now reads:

#### **ARTICLE III - OFFICERS & DIRECTORS**

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#### FOURTH AMENDMENT

Approved 07-01-06, Boston MA to eliminate the requirement for the LITPC to conduct an Alternate Site in conjunction with a Multiple District Convention. The amended portion now reads:

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# **Fifth Amendment**

Approved 07-07-09, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Bold type within the paragraphs indicates the changes made.

#### **ARTICLE II, Section 1**

PRESENTLY READS:

**Section 1. - MEMBERS**. Membership in the LITPC shall be granted to any member in good standing of a Lions or Lioness Club who submits their application for membership on the official application form, to the Membership Chairman, who has been appointed pursuant to Section 1a, Article V of this Constitution.

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Section 1. - MEMBERS. Membership in the LITPC shall be granted to any member in good standing of a Lions, *Lioness-Lions*, Lioness, or *Leo* Club who submits their application for membership on the official application form, to the Membership Chairman, *in keeping with the provisions of Section 1a*, *Article V of this Constitution*.

RATIONALE: The term Lioness-Lions has been added to recognize the official title of the new category of Lions Clubs for those former Lioness Clubs that converted to a Lions Club. The Leo category has been added to recognize this rich source of potential future members in the LITPC.

# Sixth Amendment

Approved 07-07-09, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Bold type in the paragraphs indicates the changes made.

# **ARTICLE III, Section 1**

#### PRESENTLY READS, AS AMENDED BY THE FIRST AMENDMENT:

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#### PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Section 1. - LIMITS OF TENURE. The elective officers shall be elected for a term of two years, unless they voluntarily resign from office or are removed from that office, as provided in the Constitution. Except for the Secretary, Treasurer, and Legal Counsel, no officer may serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office. The Legal Counsel is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the President, with the advice and consent of the LITPC Board of Directors, without regard to tenure limitations. The limits on tenure for the position of Secretary and Treasurer shall be at the pleasure of LITPC Board of Directors. In this connection, a determination must be made on an individual basis that it would be in the best interest of the organization to continue a particular individual in the office in question for a period longer than the two consecutive two year terms. Any such determination shall be valid for one additional two year term. Upon expiration of the additional term, further extension of the limits on tenure for the individual in question shall require a new determination by the current LITPC Board of Directors. A vote by the LITPC Board of Directors to authorize an extension of tenure must be made prior to April 1 of the year in which the term of office is scheduled to expire. These determinations merely authorize the individuals in question to stand for reelection at the next scheduled LITPC Annual Meeting. Nothing herein is intended to discourage any other qualified member of the LITPC from seeking the office in question.

RATIONALE: The positions of Secretary and Treasurer are purely administrative, and as such, require a degree of dedication and effort that are not required or expected of the other positions on the Board. When a particular individual in one of these positions demonstrates an unusually high level of interest in the position, and is willing to continue past the normal terms of tenure, it is certainly in the best interest of the organization to allow a longer term of service. As stated in the proposed amendment, the individual in question would still be required to be voted on by the membership, and nothing herein prohibits any other qualified person from seeking the office in question. The membership would continue to have the final say as to whom will serve in the office of Secretary or the office of Treasurer.

# **Seventh Amendment**

Approved 07-07-09, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Bold type in the paragraph indicates the change made.

#### **ARTICLE III - OFFICERS & DIRECTORS**

#### Section 4 - REMOVAL & REPLACEMENT OF OFFICERS (Changes in bold italics)

a. PRESIDENT. Upon the removal, death, or resignation of the President, the First Vice President shall advance to the Presidency, or if he chooses not to advance, the Second Vice President shall advance to the Presidency. If for any reason, there is no Vice President or if they choose not to advance, the Immediate Past President shall assume the role as Acting President until such time as a special election can be conducted to fill the unexpired term. The Acting President shall consult with the remaining members of the Board of Directors to determine the time for the special election, to include balloting by mail.

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RATIONALE. This is a "house keeping" amendment to eliminate the reference to a Third Vice President. That position was eliminated by the Third Amendment.

# **Eighth Amendment**

Approved 07-07-09, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Bold type in the paragraph indicates the change made

ARTICLE V. - COMMITTEES

#### PRESENTLY READS:

Section 1. - STANDING COMMITTEES. The following committees shall be appointed by the President as soon after the election as possible, and the Chairpersons of these Standing Committees shall become full voting members of the Board of Directors.

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENT (Changes in bold italics)

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Article V, Section 1, Continued.

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