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## **MOTIONS – approved at District N-4 Convention, April 2018**

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Presented by:

Lion Mary Felker, Chair

District N-4 Long Range Planning Committee

### **LONG RANGE PLANNING - Committee**

❖ International Service Project

❖ Youth Exchange

Both Committee descriptions were added to the District N-4 Policy Manual in 2017 as operational guidelines for use in the 2017-18 Lions year, as stated at the April 2017 District Convention. The Youth Exchange information had been collected from the LCI description. The International Service Project had been presented by the District Chair.

Both descriptions were incomplete and the LRP Committee were asked to review and revise the information, in preparing recommendations for voting at the April 2018 District N-4 Convention.

Purposes:

- ✎ To provide clarity for more efficient and consistent operation of both projects;
- ✎ To define expectations for District and Club support for the projects
- ✎ To protect the integrity of the projects;
- ✎ To allow for the fluctuating economic environment of District N-4

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### ❖ International Sight Service Project –

✓ accept guidelines highlighted in the District Policy Manual, posted online April 2017

📄 add information to PM Vol I. Section III.H..

📄 District Funds of \$5000 shall be provided annually, for the duration of the District's 5-year commitment to the International Sight Service Project;

📄 Funds shall be used to subsidize the costs of up to two Lions participating in each of up to two vision trips, per year.

📄 Unused funds from one year shall be carried forward to the next year; and,

📄 Funds held in reserve, shall be used before additional funds, beyond the \$5000, are allocated from the District budget;

📄 the District shall keep a list of approved Lions, accepted by Team Broken Earth and the District N-4 selection committee;

📄 the selection Committee shall consist of five District officials: CST / B & A / PDG / Sight Conservation Chair or member / International Understanding – Chair or member; with TBE having a second vote, in the event of a tie;

📄 the Selection Committee shall maintain a list of approved applicants, with general calls for applications and updating of the list, made at 6-month intervals, or more frequently if needed;

☞ qualified new Lions shall be selected by the District N-4 Selection Committee, before Lions are selected for repeat ISP participation.

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#### ❖ International Youth Exchange -

✓ Accept LCI guidelines in the District Policy Manual, posted online April 2017

☞ add information to PM Vol I. Section III.H.21.

☞ when District funds are available, District N-4 shall annually allocate \$2500 to subsidize the travel for one youth per year, accepted into the International Youth Exchange program;

☞ Unused funds from one year shall be used toward the \$2500 allocation for the following year;

☞ Any one youth shall participate in only one District N-4 funded Youth Exchange Program;

☞ The host Club submitting the student's application and sponsoring the youth, shall agree to be responsible for hosting an international youth involved in the International Youth Exchange Program;

☞ Lions Clubs International Youth Camp & Exchange Participant Application Form shall be the official Application Form, with two additions: the student essay; and, the Club host plan.

☞ Selection Committee shall consist of: three District Chairs - Youth Camp & Exchange Program; Opportunities for Youth; International Understanding & Cooperation; and, either a Vice District Governor (1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>) or the District CST.

☞ Selection criteria shall include a review of the: LCI Application; student essay; Host Club sponsoring and return hosting Plan;

☞ The student essay shall include: an explanation of the personal educational or social justice value of the trip; a description of the benefits to be gained by the student; and, a description of the events, activities in which the student will engage, to achieve those aims.

☞ The sponsoring / return host Club shall prepare and present the plan for sponsoring the student; hosting a return Exchange student to District N-4, and an alternate (back-up) host plan;

☞ Deadlines for the Youth Camp and Exchange Program shall be: 31 January for Submission of the Application and supporting documents; 15 February for completion of the selection process, by the Selection Committee.

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Presented by:

Lion Claudette Coombs, Chair

District N-4 Constitution & By Laws Committee

## **CONSTITUTION & BY LAWS** - Committee

New Policies



Club Gongs & Gavels



PDG Vote

Revise existing policies



House Keeping

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### **Gongs & Gavels** – add Article



Add new Article: Policy Manual Volume I. Section V.E.5. Club Visitation.

Clubs are encouraged to engage in visitations to other clubs and Zones within, and outside, District N-4. The purpose may include educational, social, support or other Lions or community-related activities.

a) Visitation records

Visiting Lions shall, upon request, receive verification of attendance at the host Club's meeting or event. Such verification shall be used to record the Lion's participation in the District's Visitation program.

b) Gong & Gavel

- i. When five (5) or more Lions visit a Club, the visiting Club may claim a piece of property, usually a gong or gavel, from the host Club. Visitors shall not claim any property which belongs to a Club other than the host. Minutes of the host club, shall record the property transaction.
- ii. The host Club may re-claim its property by having 5 members visit the Club holding its property. When ten (10) Lions visit, the visitors may re-claim their own property and claim a piece of property from the new host.
- iii. Prior to the end of each Lions year, Club property, including Gongs and Gavels, shall be returned to the Club from which it was taken. The Club holding the property shall contact the owner and arrange for its safe return. If such property is not returned, the visiting Club shall assume responsibility for its replacement.

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### **PDG Vote** – Refer to PDG Association:

PDG's are permitted one vote, in addition to Club allocation in any District election; request PDG Association to make a comment on whether that should remain for all District voting situations or just for District N-4 Officer elections


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 **House Keeping** – make changes

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- ✂ **Remove** Centennial Action Committee from PM Volume I: Sections III.A.3.  
(LCI has discontinued this committee, effective at the end of 30 June 2018)
  
  - ✂ Remove references to Nominations & Elections Chair. PM Vol. I Sections II and III.D.  
Replace with Nominations or Credentials or Elections Chair as appropriate.  
(LCI has established three separate positions: NOMINATIONS / CRDENTIALS / ELECTIONS)
  
  - ✂ Remove partial sentence: Lions Quest District Committee description PM Volume I. Section II.J.1.e.  
“The District Governor ~~selects~~ (shall appoint) a Chair for the District Lions Quest Committee, ~~from among the N-4 Lions on the NL Lions Quest Foundation Board.~~”  
Replace: “selects” with “shall appoint”  
Remove: “from among the N-4 Lions on the NL Lions Quest Foundation Board.”  
(in conflict with requirement for LQ Foundation elected membership)
  
  - ✂ **Adjust** deadline dates throughout PM Volume I: Sections II and III, re: elections from 30 to 40 days  
(provide time for Nominations Chair time to confirm candidate eligibility)
  
  - ✂ Revise District forms to show annual changes and appropriate mailing contacts.  
(regular updating)
  
  - ✂ Change reference to Canadian Diabetes Association to Diabetes Canada  
(name change by CDA)
  
  - ✂ Adjust PM Vol: I, Section: III.C.1.d. to specifically include Partnerships and Foundations  
“Upon completion of (a term of office for a) District N-4 Chair ~~position~~ (and District Representative), a Lion may be appointed ....  
Add: “term of office for a”  
Replace: “position” with “term”  
Add: “and District Representative”  
(article states District Chair but had not included District Representative)
  
  -  **Rearrange** sections to keep all related information in one location.  
(use references in the original location. Eg. See Section ???)
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