

LIONS DISTRICT 2-A2 HEARING BOARD CONSTITUTION AND BY- LAWS

Amended on April11,2015

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Lions District 2-A2 Hearing Board, hereinafter referred to as the Board.

ARTICLE II - AUTHORITY

Section 1: International - The constitution and by-laws of the International Association of Lions Clubs, hereinafter called Lions International, are hereby made a part of this document. Where conflict arises, the latest edition of the Lions International Constitution and By-Laws shall take precedent.

Section 2: District - This constitution and all its amendments shall be passed by a 2/3 majority of a quorum of the District 2-A2 delegates sitting in the annual district convention and must be in agreement with the Constitution and By-laws of District 2-A2.

ARTICLE III - PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

Section 1: The purpose of the BOARD, as a non- profit organization providing a charitable service, when and where possible, shall arrange for hearing test's and hearing aids for adults and children in financial need in District 2-A2.

Section 2: The objectives of the Board shall be:

- A. To emphasize screening for auditory problems among people of all ages.
- B. To refer those who show an auditory and financial need to an appropriate medical person selected by the Board, or by the local Lions Club servicing the individual should this person not be in the Board's local area.
- C. To provide local Lions Clubs with the names of those in need of auditory and financial assistance, and encourage those clubs to assist where possible.
- D. To establish and maintain a repository of used hearing aids that are checked, cleaned and re-conditioned, if needed, prior to distribution.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Composition

- A. The Board shall consist of ten (10) members with eight (8) members in good standing elected from the District 2-A2 Lions membership, preferably one (1) from each of the eight (8) regions. Each year four (4) to be elected for two year terms at the annual District Convention. The remaining two (2) shall be the current District Governor and the District's Immediate Past District Governor. **
- B. The Board has the option of requesting up to six (6) additional Lions Club members in good standing within District 2-A2 to be appointed by the presiding District Governor to serve on the Board in a non-voting capacity for a period of no less than one year. These individuals will be required to attend regular and special meetings of the Board.
- C. Any Lion in good standing may attend meetings of the Board.

D. Membership in the Hearing BOARD is a privilege with that said we welcome those who wish to serve on a single Board.

Section 2: Term of Office

The eight (8) elected Board members are eligible to serve three (3) two-year terms in succession, after which one (1) year rest period will be required before again becoming eligible to serve on the Board.

Section 3: Voting

- A. Eligibility is restricted to the ten (10) members identified in Section 1(A), this Article.
- B. A quorum consists of six (6) voting members.
- C. A simple majority will decide issues on normal operating procedures and expenditures of more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) but less than two hundred fifty dollars (**\$500.00**).
- D. A two-thirds (2/3) majority will be required on matter of policy, election of officers and expenditures of two hundred fifty dollars (**\$500.00**) or more.

Section 4: Compensation

All members of the Board shall serve without compensation from any source for salary or expenses for services rendered.

Section 5: Vacancies

- A. In the event of a vacancy on the Board of an elected member, the Board, in a regular or special meeting, shall have the power and authority to fill such vacancy until the next District Convention, at which time a successor shall be elected to complete the un-expired term in accordance with the Provisions of Articles of Formation, Section 1(A), of this constitution.
- B. When an elected Board member shall cease to be a member in good standing

of a District 2-A2 Lions Club in good standing, the office shall be declared vacant and a successor shall be selected in accordance with the provisions of Section 5(A), this Article.

- C. In the event the Immediate Past District Governor is unable to serve, the previous Past District Governor may be asked to serve.

Section 6: Cause For Removal

Any elected member of the Board absent from two (2) consecutive meetings without advance notice to the Chairman or Secretary, and without a reason acceptable to the Board, shall be summarily dismissed from the Board and written notice shall be given to the District Governor.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

Section 1: Officers of the Board shall consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer each being elected from eight (8) regular elected or appointed voting Board members. Officer election will occur immediately after the District Convention each year to provide information needed by the District Governor-Elect for the district directory.

Section 2: All officers shall serve for one (1) year term with an option of serving one (1) additional successive term. At the end of the final term, each officer shall submit all files, records, documents, correspondence, materials, etc. to the successor of that office.

Section 3: The Chairman is responsible for providing hearing aid applications to clients, and the authorization to dispense hearing aids.
The Responsibilities of Vice Chairman is to oversee all BOARD functions during the absence of the Chairman and assisting in the duties of our hearing aid program.
The duties of the Secretary are to take the minutes of each meeting and provide copies to all members of the Board.
The duties of the Treasurer are to provide a financial statement at each meeting for all Board members and to make payments for expenditures in accordance with Board policy.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

Section 1: Regular meetings of the Board shall be scheduled to be held in conjunction with the District Cabinet meetings, Mid-Winter Conference, and District 2-A2 Convention.

Section 2: Special meetings may be called by the Chairman of the Board. A member may request such a meeting through the Chairman. At least ten (10) days notice must be given to all Board members. No business may be conducted unless a quorum is present and the Board is satisfied that all members have been notified. Only those items listed in the special meeting notice may be considered unless all members are present and agree unanimously to discuss other items.

SECTION 3: The BOARD shall meet as often as District 2-A2 has meetings, Conferences, Conventions, and at other times, locations as necessary to conduct business.

ARTICLE VII - FISCAL MANAGEMENT

Section 1: General

The fiscal management of the Board shall adhere to the Articles of Formation and the Regulations presented in this constitution.

Section 2: Fiscal Year

The fiscal year shall coincide with that of District 2-A2 and Lions International.

Section 3: Monies

- A. Income - Revenue of the Board shall be from voluntary contributions, endowments, grants, monies derived from fund-raising activities carried on by the Board, Lions Clubs, or Lions for the benefit of the Board, and assessment by District 2-A2 for the Board.
- B. Expenditures - Disbursements of funds shall be made by the Treasurer at the discretion and direction of the Board for normal administrative and/or operational activities. The Chairman and Treasurer may approve expenditures not to exceed **Five** hundred dollars (**\$500.00**). See Article IV, Section 3 (C & D) of this constitution for other authorization amounts.
- C. Re-numeration - No member of the Board shall receive re-numeration for their services on the Board, including fees, discounts, refunds, expense accounts, etc. from a Lions Club, patient, firm or from Board finances. Also, refer to Articles of Formation and Article IV, Section 4, of this constitution.
- D. Audits and Reports - Audits shall be completed in accordance with Article VI, Section 5 of the District 2-A2 Constitution and By-laws.
- E. In an effort to increase revenue, the Board, at its discretion, may offer District 2-A2 Hearing Board membership to Lions Clubs and individual Lions.

ARTICLE VIII - DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution of this Board, any monies remaining in the Treasury of the Board shall revert to District 2-A2. In turn, the District may retain the funds in a designated account for a period not to exceed three (3) years. **If in that time, another Hearing Board or similar organization is not formed, the funds must be divided amongst all boards, and entities of Lions District 2-A2.**

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

Section 1: Origin

A proposal for an amendment to the constitution of this Board may originate from within the Board or a Lion of District 2-A2.

Section 2: Development

Development proposals shall be studied by the Board and, if deemed appropriate, the Board will develop a statement for consideration or appoint a committee to do so.

Section 3: Action

This constitution may be amended or revised only if the proposed amendment(s) or revision(s) is (are) presented at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual District Convention through the district newsletter or by mail to all Lions Clubs of District 2-A2. Presented proposed amendments or revisions may be acted upon at said convention in any modified or altered form that may result from discussion, and a majority agreement is reached on the convention floor.

**Amendments approved at District 2-A2 Convention on April 11, 2015,
at the Inn of the Hills Kerrville, Texas.**

Amendments are in bold print.