

DISTRICTS 31-N&S LIONS
MID-WINTER CONVENTION BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I-PURPOSE

- A. To provide fellowship and Lion information to the Lions of Districts 31-N&S and their families.
- B. To continually train, develop and recognize leadership in the Clubs and Districts.
- C. To promote the Purposes and Code of Ethics of Lionism.
- D. To elect a District Governor, First Vice District Governor, and Second Vice District Governor for the following fiscal year (July 1-June 30) by certified delegates. (One delegate per 10 Lions or major fraction thereof.) International, State and District Constitutions and By-Laws shall prevail.

ARTICLE II - RULES OF ORDER

The latest approved Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of all Mid-Winter Convention meetings.

ARTICLE III - CONVENTION OFFICERS DUTIES

CHAIRPERSON- The two District Governors will alternate yearly as head of Districts 31-N&S Mid-Winter Convention for fiscal year (July 1-June 30). The District Governor shall appoint a Chairperson for the mid-winter convention. The Chairperson shall be responsible for the selection and appointment of the Mid-Winter Convention Committee, with the exception of Cabinet Officers. The Chairperson shall call for a financial audit within 90 days of Mid-Winter Convention closing.

TREASURER - The Treasurer shall be appointed by the Mid-Winter Convention Chairperson. The duties and responsibilities shall include, but are not limited to:

1. Establish bank account for the Mid-Winter Convention as approved by the committee.
2. Deposit and/or dispense all funds with proper Chairperson.
3. Prepare financial statements, as required by the Chairperson.
4. All checks dispensed require one-party signature (Chairperson or Treasurer).
5. Responsible for pre-audit of bank/mid-winter convention records within sixty days (60) of mid-winter convention closing.
6. Responsible for filing yearly tax return.

SECRETARY - The Secretary shall be appointed by the Mid-Winter Convention Chairperson. The Secretary shall be responsible for recording all minutes of all called meetings. The Secretary shall distribute copies of minutes to Committee members, District Governor and others as requested by the Chairperson.

ARTICLE IV – CONVENTION SPECIFICS

1. The Mid-Winter Convention By-Laws will be included in the District Governors Directory.
2. The District 31-N&S Officers shall consist of the two District Governors, two First Vice District Governors and two Second Vice District Governors. They, along with the two District Convention Chairs, shall be members of Districts 31-N&S Lions Mid-Winter Convention Committee and will promote the Convention in their respective areas.
3. The Committee shall establish a budget and operate within the guidelines. After convention closing, all funds in excess of \$4,500.00 (The Beginning Balance Fund), shall be placed in a Mid-Winter Convention Surplus Fund (to be established) to be used for future mid-winter conventions to encourage attendance.
4. The Mid-Winter Convention will pay the expenses of the Speaker and their Companion and the two District Governors and their Companions during the convention.
5. No Mid-Winter Convention funds will be spent for the purchase of alcoholic beverages.
6. If a district decides they would like to discontinue the joint mid-winter convention, these by-laws may be amended or repealed at any mid-winter convention by a two-thirds vote of all present certified delegates of both districts combined in a general session meeting. Notice of such proposed changes shall be mailed, faxed, emailed or by any other appropriate technology for communication to each Club at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting. This amendment cannot take effect until two consecutive years after the vote.

AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the By-Laws shall be presented to and approved by the delegates at a District Mid-Winter Convention by a majority of the delegate votes cast.

Approved: The Districts 31-N&S Mid-Winter Convention By-Laws were approved by the Convention Delegates **January 15, 2022** at the 2022 Districts 31-N&S Mid-Winter Convention at the Hilton Gardens Inn at Kitty Hawk, NC.