



BE THE DIFFERENCE

Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanis District Convention 2025

Aug. 1 & 2, 2025
The Graduate
Lincoln, Nebraska



Kiwanis
HASTINGS • NEBRASKA

Our new community project!
**WE'RE RAISING
\$200,000 TO BUILD
A NEW SKATEPARK
IN HASTINGS!**

EXCITING UPGRADES

- ▶ More options for beginners!
- ▶ A bowl that allows riders to perform tricks and transitions on its curved walls.
- ▶ A pump track.
- ▶ Better organized to create a loop for skaters and bikers.
- ▶ More rails, stairs and ledges.
- ▶ Seating for spectators!



This is a great way to provide outdoor recreation opportunities for young people — especially middle schoolers — while partnering with the skate community!

Scan to learn more and support our efforts!



Welcome Kiwanians!

Welcome to the 106th Nebraska-Iowa District Convention.

I welcome you to Lincoln, Nebraska and hope that all of you will enjoy the two days of this convention. The convention offers many educational breakout sessions and great speakers to learn from.

We will also have a fun

Friday night of trivia and service, including mac and cheese fun.

Throughout my year as governor, I have focused on how one can make a difference, and I have seen that in all my visits around our great district.

Another emphasis this year has been on working with our Service Leadership Programs (SLPs). We have very good district administrators who care about the children and have continued to grow the clubs. We have added several new Key Clubs and were recognized at International Convention for that

growth. Be sure and visit with our young people at this convention.

I hope that you will have a great time catching up with old friends and making new friends. Please also introduce yourself to Cathy Szymanski, who is the International vice president-designate and will be our board counselor this upcoming year.

Remember that each one of you can make a difference in a child's life and as a Kiwanian in your community.

John E. Boltz,
Nebraska-Iowa District Governor



International Guests

Cathy Szymanski was elected to serve as the 2025-2026 Kiwanis International vice president during the June International Convention in Pittsburgh. Szymanski has been a Kiwanis member since 1994. Her home club is the Kiwanis Club of Erie, Pennsylvania, where she has served as distinguished president and secretary.



She was elected a Kiwanis International trustee in 2019. During her tenure, she served as the board's membership chair and as a counselor for Circle K International. Szymanski was a distinguished governor of the Pennsylvania District in 2011-2012, following terms as distinguished lieutenant governor and district membership chair.

While serving as international trustee, she was the board counselor to the Nebraska-Iowa District in 2020-2021 and will again serve in that role for the 2025-2026 Kiwanis year.

Lenora Hanna will be serving as the 2025-2026 president of the Kiwanis Children's Fund. She became a trustee for the Children's Fund in 2021.



Hanna is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Lincoln-Northeast and served as the Nebraska-Iowa District governor in 2019-2020. She served as a lieutenant governor and was the district administrator for Circle K International. She was her club's secretary for 17 years and was a charter member of the Likasi, Democratic Republic of Congo, virtual club.

Hanna and her husband, Milford, the 1992-1993 Nebraska-Iowa District governor, have four children, 11 grandchildren and a great-grandson. Their two daughters and one son-in-law are also members of Lincoln Northeast. She is also a lifetime member of the Nebraska-Iowa District Foundation and a Diamond Fellow Lincoln Northeast Kiwanis Foundation member.

Special Guests

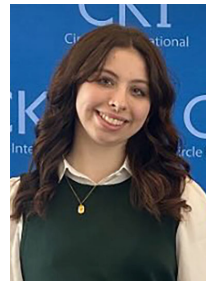
DeMoine Adams is currently serving as the CEO for TeamMates Mentoring. He is originally from Pine Bluff, Arkansas and is a former University of Nebraska-Lincoln football player. TeamMates was started by Tom and Nancy Osborne in 1991.



DeMoine played an instrumental role in helping the Huskers win a Big 12 Conference Championship in 1999 and helped lead the Huskers to the National Championship Rose Bowl in January 2002. He also spent time in the NFL with the Green Bay Packers, Tennessee Titans, and San Francisco 49ers. As a first-generation student, DeMoine received his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Nebraska in Political Science with minors in English, History, Communications, Ethnic Studies and African Studies. He went on to receive his Master's Degree in Educational Psychology and is currently pursuing his Doctorate degree at the University of Nebraska. DeMoine's motto in life is: "Once you see where you're going, then everything you do must correspond with where you're going."



**Nebraska-Iowa
Key Club Governor
Lilly Frideres
Nevada High School**



**Nebraska-Iowa
CKI Governor
Piper Schrank
University of Iowa**

District Officers



**Governor
John Boltz**



**Governor Elect
Brian Wells**



**Immediate Past
Governor
Dale Doudna**



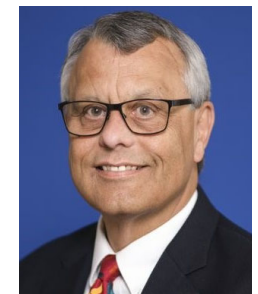
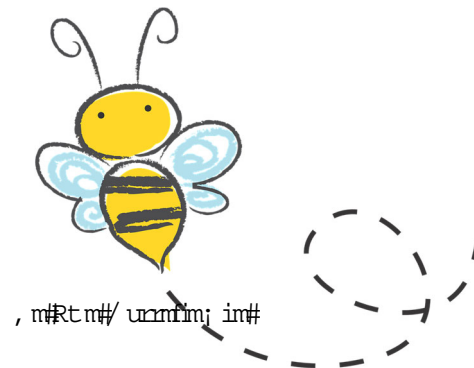
**Administrator
Lisa Brichacek**



**Vice Governor
Tim McGee**



**Treasurer
Curt Reis**



**KI Trustee &
Counselor
Dennis Baugh**

Regional Trustees



Keith Prettyman

Region 1, Term 2024-2027
Divisions. 21, 22, 23, 24, 25



Linda Placzek

Region 2, Term 2025-2028
Divisions 17, 18, 19, 20



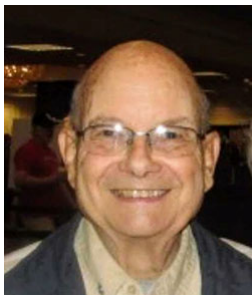
Barb Hames

Region 3, Term 2025-2028
Divisions 3, 4, 5, 6



Gary Lindgren

Region 4 Representative
Divisions 1, 2, 7, 8



Andy Webb

Region 5, Term 2023-2026
Divisions 11, 12, 13, 16



Barrie Tritle

Region 6, Term 2023-2026
Divisions 9, 10, 14, 15



Lt. Governors

- Div. 1 John Rodriguez, Mason City-River City
- Div. 2 Mike Biedenfeld, Fort Dodge
- Div. 3 Ryan Porath, Spencer Hy-Noon
- Div. 4 Kevin Jansma, Rock Valley
- Div. 5 Michael Ellwanger, Sioux City
- Div. 6 (open)
- Div. 7 (no clubs in this division)
- Div. 8 Susan Loy, Cedar Falls Rough Risers
- Div. 9 Pam Landon, Cedar Rapids
- Div. 10 Andy Schwandt, Marshalltown-Matins
- Div. 11 Brian Bappe, Nevada
- Div. 12 Lynda Henningsen, Greater Missouri Valley
- Div. 13 Ron Taylor, Winterset
- Div. 14 Gene Nissley, Iowa City-Old Capitol
- Div. 15 Rod Bortz, Chariton
- Div. 16 Teresa Rotschafer, Johnston
- Div. 17 Rick Finch, Clarinda
- Div. 18 (open)
- Div. 19 Brad Wiese, Fremont
- Div. 20 Joann Feller, West Omaha
- Div. 21 George Cook, Lincoln Northeast
- Div. 22N Dave Boeckner, Lincoln Capital City
- Div. 22S Don Fritz, Lincoln SouthPointe
- Div. 23 Jen Barker, Grand Island
- Div. 24 Mark Reid, Dobytown Kearney
- Div. 25 Cheryl Bales, North Platte

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Lt. Governor Elects

- Div. 1 (MJ) John Rodriguez, Mason City-River City
- Div. 2 Tyler (TJ) Johnson, Spencer After Five
- Div. 3 Kevin Jansma, Rock Valley
- Div. 4 Pam Henderson, Alta
- Div. 5 Brian Bappe, Nevada
- Div. 6 Susan Loy, Cedar Falls Rough Risers
- Div. 7 Byron Tabor, Marion Metro
- Div. 8 Elaine Moore, Washington AMers
- Div. 9 Rod Bortz, Chariton
- Div. 10 George Cook, Lincoln Northeast
- Div. 11 Lynda Henningsen, Greater Missouri Valley
- Div. 12 Dave Fremstad, Wayne
- Div. 13 Joann Feller, West Omaha
- Div. 14 Lori Teaford, Lincoln Capital City
- Div. 15 Sonia Royle-Benak, Milford
- Div. 16 Susan McBride Krab, Ogallala Big Mac

Trustee Elects

- Region 2 Linda Placzek (2025-2028 term)
- Region 3 Barb Hames (2025-2028 term)



Vice Gov. Candidate



Julie Weaver of the Spencer Hy-Noon Kiwanis Club in Spencer, Iowa is the endorsed candidate for 2025-2026 vice governor. Julie has served as her club's president in 2012-2013 and as a Lt. governor in 2022-2023. She recently retired from Farmers Bank in Spencer after 31 years. She and her husband, Rand, live in Milford. Julie continues to serve on her club's board and is assistant secretary.

Support the Foundation!

This year's convention fundraiser will again benefit the **Nebraska-Iowa District Foundation!!!**



Kiwanis
NEBRASKA-IOWA DISTRICT FOUNDATION

Here's how it works: Buy your tickets at the tables in the convention center or from designated ticket sellers. Then, use those tickets to bid on the donated baskets by dropping a ticket in the bag in front of the basket you want to take home. You can put as many tickets as you want into a bag. **The more tickets you drop in, the better chance you have to win it!**

Ticket prices:

\$1 for 1 ticket, \$5 for 6 tickets or \$10 for 12 tickets

Take Your Basket Home When Your Ticket Is Drawn At End of Convention!!!

**Plan Now To Attend
2026 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
Manila, Philippines
June 25-27, 2026**



**Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanis
District Convention 2026
Aug. 7 & 8, Mid America Center
Council Bluffs, Iowa**

**For the past 105 years,
Kiwansians in our district have
been making a difference!**

Kids Need Kiwanis.

Kids Need YOU!!!



You Are The Difference.

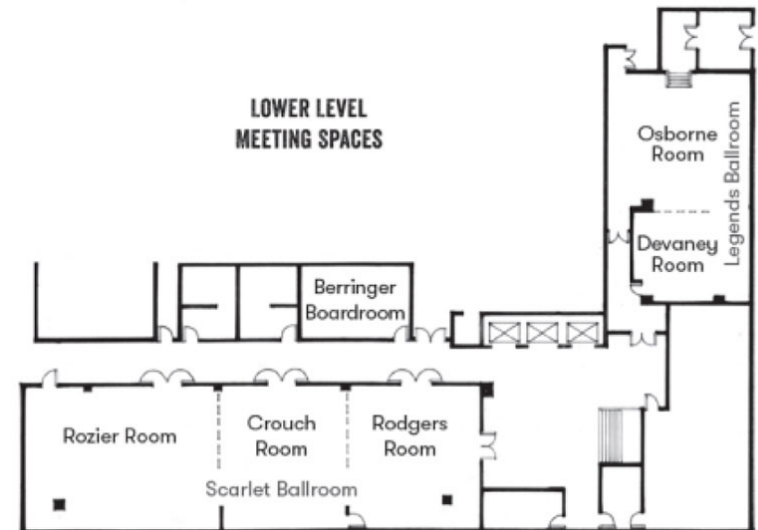
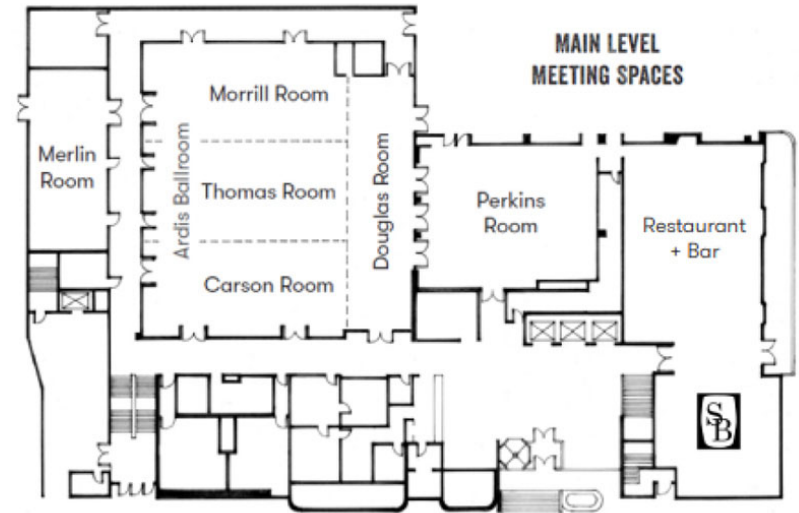
Thank you Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanians!



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NEBRASKA-IOWA DISTRICT
PAST GOVERNORS

The Graduate



Lincoln Center Kiwanis Golf Tournament

Entry Fee \$100.00 per Golfer includes golf, cart, balls & dinner

- \$10,000 Hole in One Prize
- Raffle Items
- Hole Prizes
- Contests



Woodland Hills Golf Course
Friday, June 5, 2026

4-PERSON SCRAMBLE
 REGISTRATION TIME 11:30 PM – SHOTGUN START 1:00 PM
 FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED AT - WWW.KIWANISLINCOLN.ORG
 LARRY GRAHAM (402) 432-4655 - LGRAHAM6012@WINDSTREAM.NET

The 66th Annual Pancake Festival

Saturday, November 15th

serving from 7:30 am - 1:30 pm

At Christ United Methodist Church 4530 A Street, Lincoln, NE
 sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Lincoln, NE - Lincoln Center

Tickets \$10 at the door.
 Children age 6 and under free.

Purchase tickets from any
 Lincoln Center Kiwanis
 member for \$6.

Kiwanis - Serving the Children
 of Lincoln and the world.



- Pancakes -**
 all you can eat
- with syrup
 - 2 sausage
 - orange juice
 - milk, coffee

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Friday, Aug. 1

District & District Foundation Meetings

- 8:15 a.m. District Board Meeting Osborne
- 1:00 p.m. Lt. Governors & Lt. Governor Elects Meeting Rodgers
- 2:15 p.m. District Foundation Annual Meeting Osborne
- 3:45 p.m. Past Governors Meeting Rodgers

Club Leadership Education

- 3:00 p.m. CLE for Presidents Crouch
- 3:00 p.m. CLE for Secretaries Devaney



- 5:00 p.m. Registration Check-In Open Perkins
- 5:30 p.m. Delegate/Certification Open
- 5:30 p.m. Baskets For Foundation
- Mac & Cheese Collection
- 6:00 p.m. Kiwanis Get Together Ardis Ballroom
Visit with Vice President Designate Cathy & other Kiwanians
- 6:30 p.m. Welcome & Dinner Ardis Ballroom
Don Fritz, Master of Ceremonies



- 7:40 p.m. **Kiwanis Kollege of Knowledge**
Led by Lincoln Center Club

Saturday, Aug. 2

- 7:30 a.m. Registration/Delegate Check-In Perkins
- 8:00 a.m. Past Lt. Governor Meeting Rozier

Bonus Block - 8:00 a.m.-8:40 a.m.

Service Rocks!

Stop in anytime during this block and paint a Kiwanis rock to be given to an area park or playground.

Lower Level: Devaney

Engage What?

Stop in anytime during this time and learn more about Kiwanis Engage, the new online platform. Bring your questions too!

Lower Level: Rodgers

- 8:40 a.m. Doors to Ballroom Open
- 8:55 a.m. Knock Down Hunger Ardis Ballroom
- 9:00 a.m. Be The Difference Ardis Ballroom
Don Fritz, Master of Ceremonies
National Anthem Led by Bob Marshall, Lincoln Northeast Club
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation by Lt. Governor George Cook
Welcome by Governor John Boltz



Keynote Speaker
DeMoine Adams, CEO, TeamMates

- 10:10 a.m. Make A Difference Awards Ardis Ballroom
Dale Doudna, Immediate Past Governor
- 10:30 a.m. Break Browse Display & Basket Tables

Saturday, Aug. 1

- 10:45 a.m. The Global Difference Ardis Ballroom
Cathy Szymanski, 2025-2026 International Vice President Designate
Lenora Hanna, 2025-2026 Kiwanis Children's Fund President Designate
- 11:10 a.m. Service Leadership Programs Ardis Ballroom
Lilly Frideres Key Club District Governor
Piper Schrank, Circle K International District Governor
Our Kiwanis Family
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch Ardis Ballroom



- 12:15 p.m. Education Session 1
See Pages 18-19 for 40-Minute Session Topics and Meeting Rooms
- 1:05 p.m. Education Session 2
See Pages 20-21 for 40-Minute Session Topics and Meeting Rooms
- 1:45 p.m. Break/Browse Display Tables/Buy Basket Tickets

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2:00 p.m. **House of Delegates** Ardis Ballroom

Call to Order by Governor John Boltz

Report by Credentials Committee

Standing Rules of House

Bylaws Amendment

Election of 2025-2026 District Vice Governor

Election of 2025-2026 District Governor-Elect

Election of 2025-2026 District Governor

Retirement & Installation of Officers, Trustees & Lt. Governors

District Announcements

District Financial Report

Adjourn House of Delegates

3:00 p.m. **Round Table Discussions** Ardis Ballroom

3:35 p.m. **Continue To Be The Difference** Ardis Ballroom

First Time Attendee Recognition

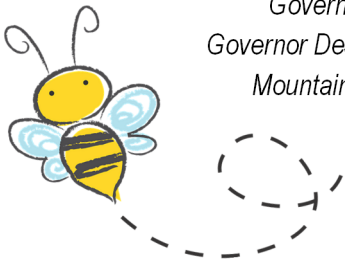
Nebraska-Iowa District Foundation

Governor John Boltz Comments

Governor Designate Brian Wells Comments

Mountain of Mac Challenge Winner

Adjournment



Friday & Saturday:

Nebraska-Iowa Key Club Board Meeting Merlin

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Making The Mind Important Too

Having a healthy body and mind helps kids to grow up strong. Now in its third year, the District Service Project focuses on youths' mental health awareness. Come hear **District Service Project Chair Sonia Royle-Benak and Children's Fund District Chair Jody Melcher** talk about the recent effort to ramp up awareness about this very important campaign. The duo will also share ways that your club can get involved in this service project.

Lower Level: Devaney

Filling The Food Void

Food insecurity remains a problem in Nebraska and Iowa. There are ways to identify the need and Kiwanians can help treat and fix the problem. **John Mabry, chief relationship officer with Food Bank of Lincoln**, will be sharing information on what the Lincoln area has done to lessen the impact of food insecurity in the community and how local Kiwanis clubs have helped.

Lower Level: Crouch

Membership Thrills & Chills

Let's take a look at where we are and where we are going! **District Membership Chair Michelle Musgrave** will share information that clubs of every size can use. Come find out about existing club boosts and new club openings. Learn how an open house can be effective to get new members. Learn how to re-member. Get excited about membership!!!

Lower Level: Rodgers

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Effective “Fun”draising

Raising dollars for your club’s service projects doesn’t have to be boring and doesn’t always need to be the same thing you’ve done forever. Don’t be afraid to shake things up with some new fundraising ideas. **Mason City-River City Club Members Gary Lindgren and Gary Wattnem** will share how their club developed fundraising strategies into fun and successful events. The Garys will engage in some club idea swapping as well!

Lower Level; Osborne

SLPs Are The Difference

Does your club have a Service Leadership Program? Could you support another? Would you like to help strengthen all SLPs in our district? Our **five district SLP administrators — Jim Dane, Sue Waldren, Tracey Scissors-Domgard, Travis Grafe-Cline and Lynda Henningsen** — will hold a panel question and answer session to answer all your questions. Or maybe, you don’t have questions but just want to learn more about the Kiwanis family. Come learn how SLPs are making a difference.

Lower Level: Rozier

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The Social Media Difference

This is your session to learn about everything from Facebook to other social media. If we want to make a difference in our communities, we need to have a digital footprint. **Social Media Chair Sonia Royle-Benak** will give a glimpse into practical uses for Facebook, Instagram, TikTok and other online platforms. Be a contender in the Social Media world!

Lower Level: Devaney

Foundation Fundamentals

The Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanis District Foundation is here to help. Join this session to learn more about what the Foundation does, how your club can get a grant, how your club or individual donations are used and how you can get more involved. This session will be presented by **District Foundation Board Members Tracey Scissors-Domgard, Jody Melcher and Lonnie Shumate**.

Lower Level: Crouch

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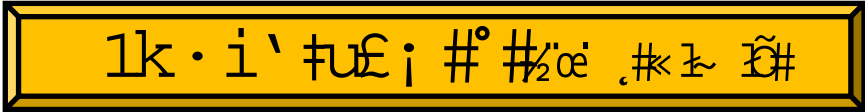
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Lower Level: Rodgers

Got Questions?
Where is that room?
Need help with something?



Look around for a yellow wristband!
Committee and host club members will be wearing yellow wristbands and will be happy to help you!!!



Lessons from a Key Clubber

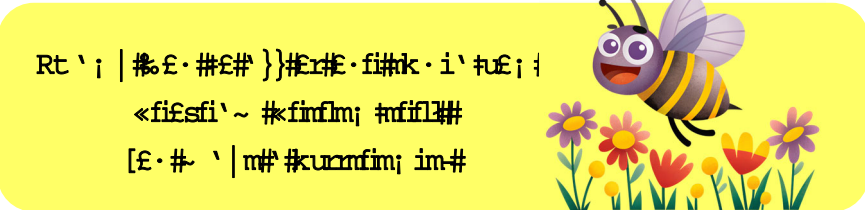
Key Club Member Teegan Jones was focused this past year on building clubs by setting goals, creating a plan and interviewing people involved. Success followed. His leadership and innovative methods have assisted the Nebraska-Iowa Key Club District in opening a record 10 Clubs this year! Join him to see how the process of building a Key Club can reflect Kiwanis club building.

Lower Level: Osborne

Your Club & AI

The use of AI (Artificial Intelligence) is growing every day and your club can take advantage of it too. Learn how from **Dr. Nick Schreck, Fremont Kiwanian and Dean of Dunklau School of Business at Midland University**. He will share what AI is, how to use it and when it should be applied. Come find out more about the AI world and ways it can help your club better serve your community.

Lower Level: Rozier



House of Delegates Standing Rules

RULE 1

Only delegates with official delegate credentials may present or speak on motions and vote.

RULE 2

Only delegates may be seated in the area designated for delegates.

RULE 3

Delegates are not permitted to leave or enter the House while a ballot is being conducted or counted.

RULE 5

Any main motion or amendment shall be written in English, signed by the maker and the seconder, and presented to the district administrator before it is moved.

RULE 6

No delegate may speak in debate more than three (3) minutes at a time, unless allowed to do so by a majority of the delegates.

RULE 7

No delegate may address the assembly a second time on the same question until all other delegates who desire to speak on the topic have spoken.

RULE 8

The maker of a motion shall be entitled to speak first in support of such motion or may immediately yield the floor to another delegate.

RULE 9

Debate on each issue will alternate between those speaking for and those speaking against a motion.

RULE 10

A delegate shall not speak for or against a motion and move to close debate on the same recognition.

RULE 11

Debate on main motions (i.e., any resolution or proposed amendment to the bylaws) shall be limited to 20 minutes, at which time the vote shall be taken on the resolution or amendment, unless the House, by a majority vote, orders debate to be extended. Debate on secondary motions from the floor, such as amendments or motions to refer, shall be limited to five (5) minutes, which shall not apply to the 20 minute limit on debate on the main motion. Debate may be closed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote on any immediately pending motion or series of motions at any time.

RULE 12

Candidates at the level of office of vice-governor or above may have from the podium one (1) nominating speech of three (3) minutes and one (1) seconding speech of one (1) minute. The candidate may select any Kiwanian of his/her choice, who is a registered delegate or delegate-at-large to the Convention, to make the nominating and seconding speeches.

RULE 13

Any candidate who is unopposed for office may be elected by a voice vote.

RULE 14

Any of the above rules may be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

RULE 15

Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure not specifically covered by the bylaws of Nebraska-Iowa District, Kiwanis International and these standing rules.



Nebraska-Iowa District Bylaw Amendment 1

***Election of District Trustees
Article 3, Section 2***

Proposed by: District Board (April 26, 2025)

Purpose: To allow a qualified past Lt. governor from outside of a region to serve as a trustee, if no one from within the region is willing or able to serve. This amendment mirrors the amendment passed by the International House of Delegates in 2024.

Proposed Effective Date: Oct. 1, 2025

Financial Impact: Limited (potential mileage reimbursement increase)

Required for Passage: Two-thirds vote of House of Delegates

Additions to Article 3, Section 2, item c as underlined. No deletions.

c. Each Trustee shall be a member** of a club* in the region from which elected; shall have served as a Lieutenant Governor of a division within the region and shall be endorsed as a candidate by board of the candidate's primary club. However, if there is no member** from a club* in a particular region qualified and willing to serve as trustee, a past Lieutenant Governor endorsed by their club in another region may serve.



District Bylaws

