Capital District, Kiwanis International
August 2023 Board of Trustees Meeting
Agenda Point – District Bylaws Revision #2

Background

The Kiwanis International Board approved in January 2023 a new standard form of District Bylaws and requested that all districts adopt these changes as soon as practicable. This standard form replaces the last version issued in 2014 and makes several changes. The Capital District Board of Trustees approved a new set of bylaws on May 19, 2023, and submitted them for review and approval by Kiwanis International.

Kiwanis International's governance specialist returned several comments to the District for review. Many of them are minor in nature The most significant changes proposed to respond to the comments are as follows:

• Added references to the United States/Pacific Coast region. Many of you may not be aware that Capital District is part of this Kiwanis region that is like how the districts in the Asia Pacific are grouped in a region. However, there is currently not a region bylaws or organization that exists. However, Kiwanis International added to this template and is asking we have those provisions in there in the unlikely event that an active region organization is ever created. (Articles 3, 6, 7 and 12)

• Requested that we modify Article 2, Section 2 dealing with our district boundaries

• Clarifying Article 3, Section 1 that both Lt. Governors and District Trustees are district officers (although only the latter serve on the Board).

• Adjusted the language in Article 3, Section 3 since Lt. Governors did not need to be called out separately as they serve a one-year term as all other officers except Regional Trustees.

• Modified Article 6, Section 14 as the comma after present changes the meaning so it has been removed.

• Modified Article 7, Section 3(b) as the district is not allowed to extend the deadline for candidates since the opening session is the latest it can be already.

• Inserted the word "such" in Article 10, Section 2 as it was left out of the template and was considered important to include.

• Changed the effective date to August 18, 2023

• Made minor updates where asterisks were missing (Throughout and accepted in the revised document already)

The committee reviewed the language provided by Kiwanis International and prepared a revision to incorporate the required language into the District Bylaws.

RECOMMENDATION

The committee recommends that the Board of Trustees adopts the District Bylaws revision as attached. Article 13, Section 3 of our current district laws already provides the authority of the district board to adopt these changes required by Kiwanis International without submitting them to the House of Delegates for approval. Kiwanis International requested that we submit these changes at our next regularly scheduled meeting today.

Operational Impact

If approved by the Board, the Executive Director will modify and publish a revised district bylaws after receiving approval from Kiwanis International.

Financial Impact

N/A

Respectfully submitted,

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Capital District Kiwanis