

OFFICIAL BYLAWS

LOUISIANA-MISSISSIPPI-WEST TENNESSEE DISTRICT PAST DISTRICT OFFICERS ORGANIZATION

Article I - NAME

Section 1. This organization shall be known as the Past District Officers' Organization of the Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District of Kiwanis International.

Article II - PURPOSE

Section 1. The purpose of this organization shall be:

To establish a functioning group of the past District Officers that will establish pride and spirit and cause them to remain active and promote attendance at all District conventions, conferences and other meetings.

To provide through a dues structure a treasury through which to disperse funds for projects to be decided upon by the organization.

To update the District History.

To form a Speaker's Bureau.

To encourage Kiwanians to run for District Offices and to prepare them to serve.

To encourage and promote attendance at all official functions.

To assist in new club building.

To provide a vehicle to be used in helping clubs that are having difficulty.

To promote the District Foundation.

To provide and encourage continuing fellowship among the District Officers both past and present.

Article III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Past and present District Officers that are active, privileged or senior members in good standing in a Kiwanis Club of the Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District are eligible for membership. Honorary memberships may be voted. Current year Board members are eligible to join.

Article IV - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The organization shall be directed by an executive committee. The executive committee shall consist of one representative from each division of the District. The division representative shall be elected by the Past District Officers of those divisions whose representatives' three- (3-) year terms are expiring during the current year. The election shall be no later than 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting. In the absence of an election, the divisional representatives shall be appointed by the current Lieutenant Governors of their respective divisions. The newly-elected representatives shall enter upon their official duties on the first day of October following their appointment, and shall serve for a term of three (3) years. The representative shall be limited to serving two (2) consecutive terms.

Section 2. The officers shall be a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and Immediate Past Chairman, whose duties shall be those generally pertaining to such offices. The officers shall be elected from the members of the Executive Committee, except the Immediate Past Chairman. The officers shall enter upon their official duties on the first day of October of each year, and shall serve for a term of one (1) year or until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified.

Section 3. Members of the Executive Committee are expected to attend the two annual scheduled meetings. Failure of a member to attend two consecutive meetings without justifiable reason shall be cause for his or her removal from the Committee, subject to the approval of the Committee.

Section 4. The current Governor will be an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee.

Article V - MEETINGS

Section 1. The annual meeting of the Past District Officers shall be at the time of the District Convention.

Section 2. Additional meetings shall be held at the fall District Board Meeting, Mid-Winter Conference, and the Spring District Board Meeting.

Section 3. Special meetings shall be held on call of the Chairman and approval of the District Governor.

Section 4. The members present at any duly called meeting shall constitute a quorum, provided at least twenty (20) active members are present.

Section 5. Notification in the District Bulletin or to the active member-ship in writing by the Chairman or Secretary shall be made at least twenty-one days in advance of any special meeting.

Section 6. In the case of a vacancy in the office of the chairman, the vice-chairman shall succeed to the office. In the case of a vacancy of any other officer, the vacancy shall be filled by the executive committee.

Section 7. The term of office of divisional representatives appointed to vacancies shall be the same as that of the representative they replaced.

Article VI - NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The election of Officers shall be held at the Annual Meeting held in conjunction with the Kiwanis District Convention.

Section 2. Voting shall be by ballot. There shall be no voting by proxy.

Section 3. The Chairman shall appoint a Committee to be known as the Nominating Committee. This Committee shall consist of three active members of the Past District Officers. The Chairman shall designate the Chairman of this Committee. The duties of this Committee shall be to make nominations, with consent of those nominated, and to prepare a ballot for the election of said Officers.

Section 4. Further nominations from the floor may be made, provided consent has been given by the nominee.

Section 5. Past District Governors shall not be a member of the Executive Committee.

Article VII - MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Section 1. The Secretary shall keep written minutes of each meeting, and shall disseminate the important activities through a news release within thirty (30) days after such meeting.

Article VIII - ACTIVITIES

Section 1. The Past District Officers shall seek by fair discussion at its Annual Meeting, and in other ways, to develop and implement programs to promote Kiwanis within the District.

Article IX - REVENUE

Section 1. Membership dues shall be \$10.00 per year.

Section 2. The Treasurer shall receive all dues, donations, and gifts from the Past District Officers, and maintain an accurate accounting of receipts and disbursements.

Article X - FINANCE

Section 1. The fiscal year of the Past District Officers Organization shall begin on the first day of October of each year.

Section 2. The Treasurer shall submit a financial report to the membership at the end of the fiscal year or at any other time he is called to do so.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall determine the official depository for the Past District Officers' funds.

Section 4. All funds shall be deposited in the name of the Past District Officers. The signatures of all duly elected Officers of this organization shall be placed on file with the depository. Checks drawn on the Past District Officers account shall be signed by any two (2) of the Officers of the organization.

Section 5. Distribution of funds will be by action of the Executive Committee.

Article XI - RULES OF ORDER

Section 1. "Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised" shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure not specifically covered by these bylaws.

Article XII - APPROVAL AND AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These bylaws shall be adopted on approval by a majority vote of active members present at a regular meeting.

Section 2. Any amendment of these bylaws may be adopted on the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the active members present at any regular meeting where there is a quorum present, providing a copy has been published in the "Bull Alligator Gazette," the District Bulletin, or by letter, mailed to the membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

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