

**LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 37 CONSTITUTION**



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**CONSTITUTION
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ARTICLE I
Name

This organization shall be known as District 37, hereinafter referred to as “District”.

ARTICLE II
Purpose

The purposes of this District and this constitution shall be:

- a. To provide an administrative structure with which to advance the purposes of Lions Clubs International in this district.
- b. To unite the members in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.

ARTICLE III
Membership

The members of this organization shall be all Lions Clubs in the District chartered by and in good standing with Lions Clubs International. The boundary lines of this District shall be the entire state of Montana.

ARTICLE IV
Supremacy

The District Constitution and By-Laws shall govern the District unless otherwise amended so as not to conflict with the International Constitution and By-Laws and policies of Lions Clubs International. Whenever there may exist a conflict or a contradiction between the provisions set out in the District Constitution and by-laws and the International Constitution and By-Laws, then the International Constitution and By-Laws shall govern.

ARTICLE V
Officers and District Cabinet

Section 1: **Officers:** The officers of this District shall be the District Governor, the Immediate Past District Governor, the First and Second Vice District Governors, the Region Chairpersons (if the position is utilized during the District Governor’s term), the Zone Chairpersons, Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer or a Cabinet Secretary, a Cabinet Treasurer and District Administrator. Each such officer shall be a member in good standing of a Lions Club in good standing within the District. Each of these members shall have one vote at Cabinet meetings.

Section 2: **District Cabinet:** The District shall have a District Cabinet composed of the District Governor, the Immediate Past District Governor, the First and Second Vice District Governors, the Region Chairpersons (if the position is utilized during the District Governor’s term), the Zone Chairpersons, Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer or a Cabinet Secretary, a Cabinet Treasurer, District Administrator and such other Club members as may be included in this section as enumerated in the By-Laws or Policy Manual. Each of these members shall have one vote at Cabinet meetings.

Section 3: **Executive Committee:** The Executive Committee shall consist of the District Governor, the Immediate Past District Governor, the First and Second Vice District Governors, Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer or a Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Treasurer and District Administrator.

Section 4: **Election:** The District Governor and First and Second Vice District Governors shall be elected at the annual Convention of the District.

ARTICLE VI

Amendments

Section 1: **Amending Procedure:** This Constitution may be amended only at a District Convention, by resolution of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee; or a resolution proposed by 25% of the Clubs in good standing in the District; and adopted by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast.

Section 2: **Automatic Update:** When amendments to the International Constitution and By-Laws are passed at the International Convention, any amendments that would have an effect on this District Constitution and By-Laws shall automatically be updated in this District Constitution and By-Laws at the close of the International Convention.

Section 3: **Notice:** No amendment shall be so reported or voted upon unless the same shall have been published by regular post or electronic means to each Club no less than thirty (30) days prior to the convening date of the annual convention with notice that the same will be voted upon at said convention.

Section 4: **Effective Date:** Each amendment shall take effect at the close of the convention at which adopted unless otherwise specified in the amendment.

