

**The Carolinas District of Kiwanis International
District BYLAWS
PROPOSED CHANGES
2008 House of Delegates**

ARTICLE III. DIVISIONS AND REGIONS

Section 1. The Carolinas District shall be apportioned into divisions **and regions**, the number of which, their territorial limits (if any), assignments of clubs, and the nomenclature of each division **and each region** shall be determined by the District Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

Section 1.

- a. The officers of the district shall be the Governor, Governor-elect, Immediate Past Governor, Secretary, and Treasurer (which may be held by one person), **a Trustee for each region**, and a Lieutenant Governor for each division.*

*Note --After their election and before their assumption of office, all officers shall be known and designated by the titles of the officers to which they have respectively been elected followed by the term "designate."

- b. **The Executive Committee shall be the Governor, Governor-Elect, Immediate Past Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, and Administrative Secretary, who shall be a non-voting member.**

Section 2. The terms of all district officers shall begin on the first day of October of each year and continue for one (1) year, or until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified. **Initially, Trustees will be elected by region to serve staggered one-, two-, and three-year terms as determined by the candidates in consultation with the Board of Trustees. Thereafter, Trustees will be elected for a term of three years.**

Section 3. Each **district** officer shall be an active, senior, or privileged member in good standing in a club of the district, ~~and~~ each Lieutenant Governor shall be an active, senior or privileged member in good standing in a club in the division from which elected, **and each Trustee shall be an active, senior or privileged member in good standing in a club in the region from which elected.**

Section 10. The District Trustees have the further duties and responsibilities:

- a. **Assist the Governor and the Board of Trustees in the governance of the District.**
- b. **Oversee and preside at regional meetings and conferences.**
- c. **Provide support, direction, and training to the regional divisions in reaching the goals of the District, including evaluating and reporting regional progress to the Governor.**
- d. **Represent the Governor, and under the supervision of the Governor, supervise the executive work in their respective regions.**
- e. **Perform such other duties and responsibilities as usually pertain to such office or as may be assigned by the Governor or District Board of Trustees.**
- f. **Support and serve as a strong mentor to the sitting Lieutenant Governors in their regions and assist them in their leadership positions.**

Section 11. Lieutenant Governors have the further duties and responsibilities:

- a. Assist the Governor in the work of the district.
- b. Represent the Governor and, under the direction of the Governor, supervise the district executive work in their respective divisions.
- c. **Work with clubs in their division and assisting with local issues and promotion of district initiatives in the areas of membership growth, retention, and new club building.**
- d. **Assist the Trustee in the work of the division and the region.**
- e. Perform such other duties and responsibilities as usually pertain to such office or as may be assigned by the Governor, **their Trustee**, or District Board of Trustees.

Section 12. The Lieutenant Governors-elect, though lacking status as District Officers, shall have the further duties and responsibilities:

- a. Understudy and assist Lieutenant Governors.
- b. Prepare themselves for assumption of the office of Lieutenant Governor.
- c. Perform other duties as may be assigned to them by the Governor, their Lieutenant Governor, **their Trustee**, or the District Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE VI. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Section. 1. The District Board of Trustees shall consist of the Governor, Governor-elect, Immediate Past Governor, **the most previous Governor preceding the immediate Past Governor,** Secretary, Treasurer, and the ~~Lieutenant Governors~~ **Trustees.**

ARTICLE X. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers ~~other than Lieutenant Governors~~

- a. The election of officers, ~~except the Lieutenant Governors,~~ shall be held at the annual convention.
- e. The nominating and election procedure for officers to be elected at the annual convention shall be as follows:
 - (1) The Governor-elect shall be the sole candidate for the office of Governor.
 - (2) All candidates for the offices of Governor, Governor-elect, **Trustee, and Lieutenant Governor** must submit written notice of candidacy to the District Secretary no later than the beginning of the first business session of the annual convention. At that session, the Secretary shall make a report of the candidates giving such notice.
 - (3) A majority of all valid votes cast for each position shall be necessary for the election of the Governor, Governor-elect, **Trustee, and Lieutenant Governor.** In the event that any ballot cast for Governor, Governor-elect, **Trustee or Lieutenant Governor** does not show a majority for any nominee for foregoing offices, the Governor shall designate a time and a place for further balloting for such office. Prior to the second ballot, the nominee having the lowest vote on the first ballot shall be dropped; and on each succeeding ballot, the same procedure shall be followed until a nominee shall have received a majority of all valid votes cast. The candidate for Governor and each candidate for Governor-elect may be nominated by any registered delegate, delegate-at-large or alternate in a single nominating speech of not longer than three (3) minutes duration. Immediately following the nominating speech there may be no more than two (2) seconding speeches of no longer than one (1) minute each.

Section 2. Committee on Elections **of the Governor and Governor-Elect**

- a. Before the election, the District Secretary shall make available to the Committee on Elections a list of the delegates and delegates-at-large as shown by the report of the Committee on Credentials.
- b. The Committee on Elections shall have general charge of the election of distributing and counting the ballots.
- c. The Committee on Elections shall report promptly to the convention the results of the

balloting and the report shall be signed by a majority of the committee.

Section 3. Election of Trustees

- a. **The Trustee for each region will be elected at a regional conference of clubs at the district convention. The time and place of this conference shall be designated by the Governor and will follow the division council meetings. Initially, the Governor will appoint a past district officer to preside at the conference. Thereafter, the Trustee will preside at the conference, or if absent, the Governor will designate the presider for the conference.**
- b. **The personnel of the conference shall be the president, president-elect, and immediate past president of each club in the division, or their duly elected alternates, the Lieutenant Governors of the divisions, and all Past Governors and Past Lieutenant Governors of the divisions who are active, senior or privileged members of a club in the division and registered for the district convention. The Lieutenant Governors and Past Governors and Past Lieutenant Governors in attendance at the conference shall have the privilege of the floor without the right to vote except in the event of a tie vote, in which case the Lieutenant Governor shall be entitled to vote.**
- c. **The representatives present shall constitute a quorum at the conference, and each club shall have one(1) vote for each representative present and registered.**
- d. **The conference shall elect one of its number as secretary and such tellers as may be necessary. The secretary for the conference will report the results of elections and other matters to the District Secretary before the installation ceremony and shall certify the results of the election to the Committee on Elections immediately following the conference.**
- e. **Upon completion of organization as above outlined, the conference shall proceed to elect a Trustee. Nominations of candidates who have submitted written notice to the District Secretary shall be made by any qualified personnel of the conference, followed by comments by the candidate. Nominations shall be closed by vote of the conference. Election shall be by secret ballot. A majority of all valid votes cast for each office shall be necessary for elections. In the event that no candidate receives a majority of valid votes cast, a new election shall take place immediately, and the person receiving the fewest number of votes shall be eliminated. This procedure shall be followed until one (1) person receives a majority vote. No person shall be submitted to the conference as a candidate for Trustee without the consent of said person first being obtained. Each candidate shall give assurances of a willingness and ability to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the office of Trustee, as outlined in these Bylaws and Policies and Procedures manual as outlined by Kiwanis International and the Carolinas District.**
- f. **The regional conference shall be guided by the principles, traditions and precedents of Kiwanis International in its election of officers, and particularly consider the ability, service, and experience in Kiwanis of a proposed candidate.**

~~Section 3-~~**Section 4. Election of Lieutenant Governors**

- a. The Lieutenant Governor of each division shall hold, ~~not later than the second week in April,~~ a conference **at the district convention** for the purpose of electing a Lieutenant Governor and a Lieutenant Governor-elect. The time and place of this conference shall be designated by the ~~Lieutenant~~ Governor. Written notice shall be sent, not later than ten (10) days prior to the conference, to the president of each club in the division, and to all Past Governors and Past Lieutenant Governors of that division who are active, senior, or privileged members of a club in the division.

ARTICLE XI. VACANCIES IN OFFICE

Section 1. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Governor, the Board of Trustees shall elect the Governor-elect, a Past Governor, a Trustee or Past Trustee, or one of the Lieutenant Governors or Past Lieutenant Governors who is an active, privileged, or senior member of a Kiwanis club in the district to become Governor for the unexpired term. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Governor-Elect, the Board of Trustees shall fill the vacancy from the Trustees, Past Trustees, from the Lieutenant Governors or Past Lieutenant Governors who are active, privileged, or senior members of Kiwanis clubs in the district.

Section 3. Whenever the Governor concludes that any Lieutenant Governor, **Trustee**, District Secretary, or District Treasurer is failing to perform the duties of his office, the Governor shall give that district officer immediate notice of his conclusion and shall call a meeting of the Board of Trustees to be held not less than three weeks thereafter to consider the facts and any reasons why the office shall not be declared vacant. In the event that the Board of Trustees shall find the alleged facts to be true, the Governor shall have the power to declare the office vacant. If the Governor does so, the Board of Trustees shall proceed to elect a new officer to fill the vacancy provided that in the instance of the office of Lieutenant Governor the Lieutenant Governor-elect shall be considered for appointment but in any event the new Lieutenant Governor shall be elected from the division in which the vacancy occurred, **and the new Trustee shall be elected from the region in which the vacancy occurred.**

Section 5. In the event that the Governor shall be temporarily so incapacitated as to be unable to discharge the duties of his office, the Board of Trustees may appoint the Governor-elect, a Past Governor, **a Trustee or Past Trustee**, or one of the Lieutenant Governors or Past Lieutenant Governors, who is an active, privileged, or senior member of a Kiwanis Club in this district, to become Acting Governor until the Governor is able to resume his duties. While the Governor is incapacitated, the Acting Governor shall be the executive officer of the district and shall have all the duties, responsibilities, and authority given to the Governor by these bylaws and the Constitution and Bylaws of Kiwanis International. If, after a period of sixty (60) days, it shall appear to the Board of Trustees that the Governor continues to be incapacitated and that the Governor is not able to resume the duties and responsibilities of his office, the Board of Trustees may declare the office of Governor vacant and the vacancy shall be filled in accordance with these bylaws.

Section 6. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Trustee, the Governor will appoint a new trustee from the region or primary area of the vacancy until the next convention, where a new trustee will be elected to serve out the remaining term.