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To all Kiwanis clubs:

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Proposed amendments to the Kiwanis International Bylaws will be presented for action at the 100th Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA. Several important issues will be considered and voted on at the House of Delegates on Friday, June 26, 2015. Complete information is included in this booklet.

In accordance with the provisions of the Kiwanis International Bylaws, these proposals are being sent to the secretary of each chartered club 90 days prior to the convention. The reasons for each proposal are stated, along with the Kiwanis International Board's position on the proposal. The current provisions of each Bylaws article and section are shown. Text that would be added by the proposed amendment is underlined (underlined), and text that would be deleted is lined out (~~lined out~~).

Example:

Original wordingEach club may hold a program.

Proposed changes shown.....Each club ~~may~~ shall hold ~~a~~ an annual program.

New wording would beEach club shall hold an annual program.

This year, delegates will also consider reports on two administrative resolutions adopted by previous Houses of Delegates. Complete information is included on those topics.

We hope each club will send two delegates to the 2015 Kiwanis International convention, ensuring that important decisions on the organization's future are made by a wide array of Kiwanians. We look forward to seeing you in Indianapolis.

Best regards,

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Executive Director

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PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE AT A GLANCE

(Per Robert's Rules of Order–Newly Revised)

Please note: Anyone wishing to make a change to a proposed amendment (making an amendment to a motion) is required to submit the change in writing, in English, to the executive director (or designee) before going to the microphone. This ensures your change will be reflected accurately.

Putting a motion on the floor: To make a motion or an amendment to a motion, the maker should go to the microphone, be recognized by the presiding officer (the Kiwanis International president), state his/her name and club, and then state the motion (or amendment to the motion). The motion (or amendment) is seconded from the floor. The presiding officer then places the motion before the House for discussion. The club delegate may speak to the motion (or amendment) first.

Note: Once a motion is placed before the House by the presiding officer, it is under the control of the House and does not belong to the delegate making the motion. For example, it cannot be withdrawn later without permission of the House.

Seconds to motions: It is not necessary to agree with a motion to second it. A second only implies that more than one person wishes to discuss the motion. Therefore, if a motion is coming from the Kiwanis International Board or a committee, it does not need a second from the floor.

Amendments to motions: Bylaw amendments are main motions. A main motion that is on the floor may have two amendments pending at one time. However, the first amendment must relate to the main motion, and the second amendment must relate to the first amendment to the motion.

Referring: A motion to refer to a committee can be made while a main motion or an amendment to a main motion is pending. A motion to refer should only be used if problems are identified with the content of the motion that indicate more study or adjustments are needed. A referral should not be made without instructions regarding what aspects are to be addressed before the motion is brought back to the House. Referral should not be used to kill the motion on the floor or to put off a difficult decision. If a delegate does not like the motion, he/she should vote against it. (It takes a majority vote either to refer or defeat.)

Closing debate or calling the question (same motion): A delegate must go to a microphone and wait for recognition to move to close debate or call the question. To proceed, the motion must receive a second. There is no discussion, and it takes a two-thirds (2/3) vote. If the motion to close debate or call the question is approved, there will be an immediate vote on the pending motion.

Postponing or tabling a motion: A motion to postpone can be made while a main motion or an amendment to a main motion is pending. A motion to table (or to “lay on the table”) is used only in an emergency. It should not be used to kill the motion on the floor or to postpone consideration of the motion. And a motion cannot be

postponed until the next annual convention. If a delegate does not like the motion, he/she should vote against it. If a delegate believes there is good reason to discuss the motion at a later time, he/she can move to postpone. There is no such motion as “table until xxxx time.” Instead, the correct motion would be “postpone until xxxx time.”

Point of order: If a delegate believes there was a breach of parliamentary procedure, he/she may call for a point of order. If the point of order refers to an action made by someone other than the presiding officer, the delegate should give the presiding officer time to address the problem before interrupting with the point of order. If a delegate cannot reach a microphone in a timely manner, he/she may shout “point of order” from his/her place while approaching a microphone.

Point of information: A delegate should call for a point of information if he/she wishes to *request* information. If the delegate wants to *provide* information, he/she must do so by being recognized for debate. To ask for a point of information, go to a microphone and let the sergeant know you wish to do so.

Questions: If a delegate wishes to make a motion and is not sure how to proceed, the delegate should ask the presiding officer. Any questions or concerns about the process used during the House of Delegates must be made known and addressed *during* the session. Questions or concerns cannot be addressed after the session.

Report on the 2013 Administrative Resolution about New Forms of Membership

At the 2013 Kiwanis International convention, the House of Delegates adopted the following administrative resolution:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, in accordance with the Kiwanis International Bylaws, the House of Delegates at the 2013 Kiwanis International convention agrees to permanently adopt company-based clubs, corporate membership, affiliate clubs, and club satellites as new forms of Kiwanis membership.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Kiwanis International Board is directed to present any Kiwanis International Bylaw amendments to the 2014 or 2015 House of Delegates that may be necessary to permanently adopt these initiatives.

Club satellites and corporate membership: The board determined that bylaw amendments are necessary for club satellites and corporate membership. These are presented as *Proposed Amendments 1 and 5*.

Affiliate clubs: Because an affiliate club is a provisional or associate club that does not qualify for full Kiwanis club rights and privileges, no bylaw amendments are necessary. Appropriate policies and procedures are being developed by the board. If an affiliate club transitions to a regular Kiwanis club, it will then operate under the same provisions as other clubs.

This concludes the report on the 2013 administrative resolution regarding new forms of membership.

Report on the 2014 Administrative Resolution about Online Voting

At the 2013 Kiwanis International convention, the House of Delegates adopted the following administrative resolution:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Delegates of the 99th annual Kiwanis International convention in Japan, on July 18, 2014, directs the Kiwanis International Board of Trustees to investigate the option of allowing all clubs worldwide to vote electronically to elect Kiwanis International Board members, to amend the Kiwanis International Bylaws, and to consider proposed resolutions. Such plan will include the necessary technology, an appropriate process and timetable, and steps to educate clubs and club members.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kiwanis International Board is directed to present its report to the House of Delegates at the 100th annual Kiwanis International convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 2015.

In response to this directive, the board assigned a special Task Force on Online Voting to study the subject, composed of members from several Kiwanis regions, assisted by a team of Kiwanis International staff members. Their conclusions were:

- The option for all clubs worldwide to participate in voting on the business of the organization outweighs the changes some will see as disadvantages.
- The technology and safeguards exist to make online voting safe and effective for Kiwanis.
- Online voting provides a cost savings to Kiwanis International.
- Online voting provides an opportunity to restructure and repurpose the annual convention.
- As with any change, communication and education among clubs and members is the key to successful implementation.

A full copy of the task force's report is available at www.kiwanis.org/onlinevotingreport.

Additionally, the board asked the opinion of the Kiwanis International Council, composed of the Kiwanis International board, past presidents and district governors, when it met in January 2015. The council first considered the report of the task force, then took a nonbinding vote on the topic. With 77 percent in favor, Council strongly supported online voting for both board elections and bylaw amendments.

The Capital District board, which originally raised the matter of online voting last year, has raised the topic again this year, this time via *Proposed Amendment 6*, presented for action by the 2015 House of Delegates.

This concludes the report on the 2014 administrative resolution about online voting.

Proposed Amendment 1 Club Meeting Frequency (Club Satellites)

Submitted by: The Kiwanis International Board of Trustees

Purpose: To allow greater flexibility regarding club meeting frequency and to clarify provisions regarding club satellites.

Effective date: October 1, 2015

Vote required to adopt: Majority

KI board position: The Kiwanis International Board proposes this amendment for the following reasons:

- This action carries out the directive adopted by the House of Delegates at the 2013 convention to amend the bylaws, as necessary, to adopt club satellites.
- A club satellite is essentially a second meeting of a club that takes place at a different day and time from the regular meeting.
- The bylaws already allow clubs to hold multiple meetings, "but not more than one in any week." This amendment allows club satellite meetings to be held during the same week as the regular club meeting, if desired.
- This amendment is considered to be housekeeping in nature.

Amend Kiwanis International bylaw provisions as follows:

ARTICLE VI. CLUB OPERATIONS

Section 4. A club shall hold at least one (1) regularly scheduled meeting each month, ~~but not more than one (1) in any week,~~ on such day and at such place as shall be determined by the board of directors. A club may hold such other meetings as the board of directors or membership may desire. (6/2012)

Proposed Amendment 2 Substitution for Governor at Council Meetings

Submitted by: The Kiwanis International Board of Trustees

Purpose: To provide that, in the event a district governor cannot attend a meeting of the Kiwanis International Council, the district board may designate another district officer to attend instead.

Effective date: October 1, 2015

Vote required to adopt: 2/3

KI board position: The Kiwanis International Board proposes this amendment for the following reasons:

- District governors are members of the Kiwanis International Council, representing the interests and wishes of their individual districts.
- If a governor cannot attend a meeting of the council, the board believes it is more appropriate for the district to determine who will substitute for the governor. Approval of the Kiwanis International Board should not be necessary.
- The district should be allowed to designate any district officer to substitute, including the immediate past governor, treasurer, or secretary, which are not permitted by the current wording.
- This amendment is considered to be housekeeping in nature.

Amend Kiwanis International bylaw provisions as follows:

ARTICLE XIV. INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL

Section 3. The International Council shall consist of the Board of Trustees, the Past International Presidents, the Federation Presidents, the Chairman of Kiwanis Asia-Pacific, and the district governors. In case any district governor cannot be present at a meeting of said Council, the ~~governor may, with the approval of the International Board of Trustees, appoint the district governor-elect, district vice-governor, a district trustee, or a lieutenant governor~~ district board may designate another district officer to attend as a replacement with like powers and privileges. (6/2010)

Proposed Amendment 3 Permissible Time Frame for District Conventions

Submitted by: The Kiwanis International Board of Trustees

Purpose: To provide that district conventions may be held until September 25, rather than September 15.

Effective date: October 1, 2015

Vote required to adopt: Majority

KI board position: The Kiwanis International Board proposes this amendment for the following reasons:

- This amendment gives districts up to two extra weekends to schedule their conventions, allowing greater flexibility in negotiating the best rates with cities and hotels and in accommodating the schedules of attending club members.
- This flexibility is especially helpful in European districts, where members often vacation during the month of August, leaving fewer options to schedule the district convention. It may also be helpful to other districts.
- This reduces the need for districts to request, and the Kiwanis International Board to grant, special exceptions regarding the district conventions dates. This also aids in district planning, since such exceptions have to be requested and granted in advance.
- This amendment is considered to be housekeeping in nature.

Amend Kiwanis International bylaw provisions as follows:

ARTICLE IX. DISTRICTS

Section 12. The annual convention of each district shall be held at such place and upon such dates between March 15 and ~~September 15~~ September 25 as shall be fixed by the board of the district and approved by the Board of Trustees of Kiwanis International, except that no district shall schedule its convention to be held within the period of thirty (30) days prior to, during, or thirty (30) days following the annual convention of Kiwanis International, unless approved by the Kiwanis International Board. In the event the annual convention of Kiwanis International is held within the geographic boundaries of a district, the district may hold its convention in conjunction with the Kiwanis International convention; in such cases, district functions may not be held during general sessions of the International Convention. The district secretary shall notify each club in the district and the Executive Director of Kiwanis International at least sixty (60) days prior to the date of the annual convention. (7/2014)

Proposed Amendment 4 Vice-Governor as Kiwanis International Delegate-at-Large

Submitted by: The Kansas District Board

Purpose: To provide that the district vice-governor shall be a delegate-at-large at Kiwanis International conventions.

Effective date: October 1, 2015

Vote required to adopt: 2/3

Proposer's position: The district advocates this amendment for the following reasons:

- The Kiwanis International bylaws currently allow all district officers *except the optional office of vice-governor* to be delegates-at-large at Kiwanis International conventions. This appears to be an accidental oversight, since the optional office of vice-governor was only established a few years ago.
- The Standard Form for District Bylaws already allows all district officers, including the vice-governor, to be delegates-at-large at district conventions.
- This amendment would correct the oversight regarding delegates-at-large to Kiwanis International conventions and bring them into alignment with existing provisions regarding delegates-at-large to district conventions.

KI board position: The Kiwanis International Board supports this amendment for the following reasons:

- The board agrees with the statements of the proposer.
- This amendment is considered to be housekeeping in nature.
- When it met in January 2015, the Kiwanis International Council supported this amendment, with 78 percent in favor. The council is composed of the Kiwanis International board, past presidents and district governors.

Amend Kiwanis International bylaw provisions as follows:

ARTICLE XVI. DELEGATES AND DELEGATES-AT-LARGE

Section 4. Elective International officers as defined in Article XI, Section 1, Past International Presidents, Chairmen of current International, Standing, and Special Committees of Kiwanis International, governors-elect, vice-governors, district trustees, district treasurers, district secretaries, lieutenant governors, lieutenant governors-designate, and past district governors who are active members shall be delegates-at-large to all International conventions. (7/2005)

Proposed Amendment 5

Corporate Membership

Submitted by: The Kiwanis International Board of Trustees

Purpose: To permanently adopt corporate membership.

Effective date: October 1, 2015

Vote required to adopt: 2/3

KI board position: The Kiwanis International Board proposes this amendment for the following reasons:

- This action carries out the directive adopted by the House of Delegates at the 2013 convention to amend the bylaws, as necessary, to adopt corporate membership.
- Corporate membership allows a company or business to be the club member, represented by the person of its choice. A corporate member appoints one individual to represent it on all club matters, and all club privileges are exercised via the appointed representative unless any such privilege is restricted by local law.
- The corporate member may change its representative as needed without incurring a new member add fee.
- The current bylaws refer to or imply “persons” or “individuals” as club members. This amendment makes the adjustments necessary to incorporate the new concept of corporate members.

Amend Kiwanis International bylaw provisions as follows:

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES

ARTICLE I. NAME AND USE OF NAME AND EMBLEM

Section 2. The word “Kiwanis” and the name, emblem, and/or insignia of Kiwanis International shall not be used as a trade name or trademark by any person, entity, association, or other organization without the written consent of Kiwanis International or used for any purpose other than that authorized by the Board of Trustees. (7/1988)

ARTICLE VIII. CLUB MEMBERS

Section 1. The members of a club should represent the diversity in the community in which the club is located. Membership in a club is open to adults of good character and corporations of good community standing who are willing to maintain good standing with the club by payment of all relevant dues and fees and adherence to other standards (if any) stated in club policy. Members in good standing with a club shall be entitled to all privileges of membership in that club. A corporate member shall appoint one individual to represent it on all club matters, and all club privileges shall be exercised via its appointed representative unless any such privilege is restricted by local law. (6/2012) (*See also Interpretations.*)

Section 8. Discipline of Members of the Kiwanis Family

- a. The general discipline of members in any club shall be as provided in the Standard Form for Club Bylaws. (6/2012)
- b. The definition of “conduct unbecoming a member of the Kiwanis family” and the process to be followed for an allegation of conduct unbecoming shall be as defined by the Kiwanis International Board. (6/2012)
- c. A member of the Kiwanis family, in cases of conduct unbecoming, is defined as members of Kiwanis clubs, Aktion Clubs, Circle K clubs, and Key Clubs. (6/2012)
- d. A club shall discipline any member and, if a corporate member, the representative thereof, whose conduct is determined to be conduct unbecoming a member of the Kiwanis family and shall report such conduct and discipline to Kiwanis International or else the club shall be considered out of compliance with accepted standards for Kiwanis clubs and may have its charter suspended or revoked as provided in these Bylaws. (7/2014)

INCIDENTAL CHANGES

ARTICLE VI. CLUB OPERATIONS

Section 1. The officers of a club shall be a president, president-elect, immediate past president, vice-presidents (if any), a treasurer, and a secretary, and such other officers as may be required by the club bylaws. No offices may be ~~combined in one (1) person held by the same member~~ except the offices of secretary and treasurer. No ~~person-member~~ shall simultaneously serve as an elected director and an officer. The officers, together with at least three (3) directors, shall constitute the board of directors. The officers and directors must be active members in good standing. The duties of the officers and the board of directors shall be such as are prescribed in the club bylaws. (1/2012)

ARTICLE VIII. CLUB MEMBERS

Section 4. Members Who Belong to More Than One Club

- a. A ~~person-member~~ may hold membership in more than one (1) club. (6/2000)

Section 5. Interim Status

- a. Interim status may be granted to club members in transition who have left membership in one (1) club without any outstanding obligations and anticipate joining a new club. (6/2000)
- b. Any club member in good standing who resigns from a club may apply to Kiwanis International for interim status, for a period not to exceed one (1) year. (6/2012)
- c. The fee for interim status shall be the amount of annual International dues (and fees, if applicable), payable upon application. (6/2000)
- d. During interim status, the ~~individual former member~~ shall not have the privilege of representing a club at any club, district, or International functions. (6/2000)
- e. At the time such ~~individual former member~~ joins another club or if such ~~individual former member~~ does not join a club within the one-year period, interim status shall be terminated. (6/2000)

Section 6. Life Member Status

- a. Any ~~Kiwanian holding membership~~ Kiwanis club member may be granted life member status on a one-time payment of a fee of fifteen (15) times the annual International dues as prescribed herein. (6/2012)
- b. Upon a ~~Kiwanian's~~ attaining the ~~status of~~ life member status, the member's club is thereby relieved of any further dues obligation to Kiwanis International for that member. The financial obligations to said member's local club and district, subscription to official publications, and the premium payable to defray the cost of insurance prescribed herein shall remain payable. (7/2007)

ARTICLE IX. DISTRICTS

Section 6. District officers shall be elected in the following manner, as specifically provided in the district bylaws: (6/2010)

- d. The secretary and the treasurer may be the same person-member, but no other offices shall be ~~combined in one (1) person held by the same member~~. (6/2010)

Section 11. Each district shall hold an annual convention as provided herein, unless in any year the district board shall determine that there exists a condition of emergency that compels cancellation of the annual district convention, in which case, the Board shall notify Kiwanis International and district clubs immediately and shall determine one of the following methods to transact any and all business that was to be transacted at the annual convention, as soon as practical. The preference will be to reschedule the convention, if possible, or, alternatively, to call a meeting of all persons-members having the status of delegates-at-large at district conventions, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum. (7/2014)

ARTICLE XI. OFFICERS

Section 3. Each elected officer shall be an active member in good standing of a club and the members of the Board of Trustees shall have served as a district governor. Each officer also shall have and maintain a clear criminal history background check conducted and verified by Kiwanis International. No offices shall be ~~combined in one (1) person held by the same member~~, nor shall any officer simultaneously hold more than one (1) International office. (6/2010)

Section 6. The President, President-Elect, and Vice-President shall be elected at the annual International convention for a period of one (1) administrative year. In order to occupy any such office, the person-member must have served two (2) years as Trustee. (7/1998)

Section 7. Trustees

- b. No person-member shall serve for more than four (4) years in the office of Trustee. However, the time served by any person-member appointed by the International Board to fill an unexpired portion of a vacant term shall not count in determining the number of years served in the office of Trustee for the purpose of this provision. (6/2001)

ARTICLE XIII. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Section 1.

- e. A district shall not have a club member on the Board of Trustees for one (1) administrative year after another person-member from that district has completed membership service on the Board of Trustees, except where necessary to fill a guaranteed seat as provided in these Bylaws. (*See also Interpretations.*)

ARTICLE XVI. DELEGATES AND DELEGATES-AT-LARGE

Section 2.

- e. Club delegates and alternates shall be elected by the clubs they represent not less than sixty (60) days prior to the date of any annual International convention, or not less than twenty (20) days prior to the date of any special International convention. Their election shall be evidenced by a certificate duly authenticated by the president and the secretary of the club. The status of persons-delegates-at-large as past lieutenant governors or past district secretaries shall be certified by the district governor or district secretary. (1/2012)

ARTICLE XVII. CONVENTION PROCEDURE

Section 5. Reports of committees, communications to the International convention, resolutions, amendments, and all motions may be debated during the House of Delegates, except those “undebatable” under *Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised*, or unless the convention, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, dispenses with debate. No Kiwanian member shall speak longer than five (5) minutes at one time, except as provided in the order of the day or by a majority vote. (4/1999)

ARTICLE XIX. DISCIPLINE OF OFFICERS AND VACANCIES IN OFFICE

Section 5. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Trustee, the Board of Trustees shall elect a qualified member of a club from the same region who shall serve only until the end of the administrative year. If the vacant term extends beyond the current administrative year, an election to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term shall be conducted by the region, and the person-member elected shall take office on October 1 after election. (7/2014)

Section 11. Whenever an International officer is removed from office for reasons involving conduct unbecoming or failure to perform the duties of office or resigns from office, that person-member may be declared by the International Board to be ineligible to hold an International office or appointment in the future. (6/2013)

FOR REFERENCE ONLY

The Kiwanis International Board has adopted the following bylaw interpretation about corporate members. This information is for reference only. It is not debatable by the House of Delegates.

If an appointed representative of a corporate member stops representing the corporation for any reason while holding a club, district, federation or Kiwanis International office, the office shall be declared vacant and shall be filled accordingly. The corporate member’s next appointed representative shall not automatically fill the office held by his/her predecessor.

Proposed Amendment 6

Secure Web-Based Voting for Kiwanis International Business

Submitted by: The Capital District Board

Purpose: To provide that the business of Kiwanis International decided by delegates may be conducted by secure web-based voting, thereby giving an equal voice to all Kiwanis clubs.

Effective date: October 1, 2016

Vote required to adopt: 2/3

Proposer's position: The district advocates this amendment for the following reasons:

- During the past seven International conventions, an average of only 1,510 clubs were represented out of roughly 7,500. This constitutes 20 percent of clubs making decisions on behalf of the entire organization.
- All clubs in good standing, regardless of financial ability to send delegates to the convention, should have the privilege to participate in the decision-making process.
- With the viability of secure web-based voting options accessible worldwide, all clubs could now participate in the business process. (Clubs may already vote electronically for club elections.)
- The International Convention could be re-focused on education, motivation and fellowship—the core reasons our members attend.

KI board position: The position of the Kiwanis International Board on this amendment will be determined at an upcoming board meeting and will be posted to the amendments page on the convention website when available.

Amend Kiwanis International bylaw provisions as follows:

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES

ARTICLE XVI. DELEGATES AND ~~DELEGATES AT LARGE~~

Section 1. ~~For any International convention,~~ Each club in good standing shall be entitled to two (2) delegates and two (2) alternates, chosen by the club votes, which shall be cast by the club president and club secretary unless the club designates another member(s) as delegates.

~~Section 2-~~

- a. ~~Each club's alternates shall be designated as alternate number one (1) and alternate number two (2) and shall serve in the numerical order certified for either of the two (2) delegates of the club, if either or both such delegates shall be absent from the convention. (7/1998)~~

- b.— Each delegate and alternate shall be an active member in good standing of the club represented, or be a lieutenant governor, a past lieutenant governor, the district secretary, or a past district secretary. (7/1998)
- c.— The lieutenant governor, a past lieutenant governor, or a past district secretary may each represent any club, but only in the division of which the lieutenant governor's, past lieutenant governor's, or past district secretary's present club is a member and not otherwise represented by two (2) delegates. (7/1998)
- d.— The district secretary may represent any club in that secretary's district not otherwise represented by two (2) delegates. (7/1998)
- e.— Club delegates and alternates shall be elected by the clubs they represent not less than sixty (60) days prior to the date of any annual International convention, or not less than twenty (20) days prior to the date of any special International convention. Their election shall be evidenced by a certificate duly authenticated by the president and the secretary of the club. The status of persons as past lieutenant governors or past district secretaries shall be certified by the district governor or district secretary. (1/2012)
- f.— In the event any club shall fail to certify the election of its delegates and alternates, the Committee on Credentials shall determine the seating of the delegates or alternates for such club. (6/1989)

Section 3. Official delegates of a newly organized club shall be granted full privileges at International conventions after the charter has been approved by Kiwanis International, even if it has not been formally presented to such club.

Section -4.2. Elective International officers as defined in Article XI, Section 1, Past International Presidents, Chairmen of current International, Standing, and Special Committees of Kiwanis International, governors-elect, district trustees, district treasurers, district secretaries, lieutenant governors, lieutenant governors-designate, and past district governors who are active members shall be delegates-at-large to all International conventions and entitled to one (1) vote each. (7/2015)

Section 5.3. Each accredited delegate and delegate-at-large present shall be entitled to vote on each question submitted in any International convention, except as prescribed may be restricted in these Bylaws. There shall be no voting by proxy or absentee ballot. Clubs formally organized no later than sixty (60) days before the date voting begins shall have voting privileges. (7/1998)

Section 6. No delegate shall be entitled to vote in a convention unless and until the delegate's registration fee has been paid. (7/1998)

Section -7.4. The quorum of any International convention shall consist of not less than five hundred (500) delegates and delegates-at-large, provided that in time of emergency, three hundred (300) delegates and delegates-at-large shall constitute a quorum. At least five hundred (500) votes are required for voting results to be considered valid, provided that, in times of emergency, only three hundred (300) votes are required. (7/1998)

Section 8. On all matters of Kiwanis International put to vote in the House of Delegates, accredited delegates and delegates-at-large may abstain from voting on any proposition. In determining the outcome of any vote, the presiding officer shall make a determination on the votes actually cast; abstentions, if any, shall be excluded from all such consideration.

Section 5. On any business of Kiwanis International designated in these Bylaws to be determined by delegates, voting is permitted by secure web-based means via a method determined and announced by the Kiwanis International Board.

Section 6. Prior to the annual voting process, the President shall appoint a member from a club in good standing to serve as Credentials Chairperson who will oversee the certification of delegates. The President shall also appoint a member of a club in good standing to serve as Elections Chairperson, who will oversee the elections process selected by the Kiwanis International Board.

ARTICLE XVII. CONVENTION PROCEDURE

(Note: No changes are necessary to Sections 1-3.)

Section 4. Prior to each International convention, the President shall appoint a Committee on Credentials and a Committee on Elections, each to consist of no less than five (5) and no more than fifteen (15) members from clubs. In the case of the Committee on Elections, all members shall be delegates or delegates-at-large. A majority of the members of each committee shall constitute a quorum. (1/2012)

Section 5. Reports of committees, communications to the International convention, resolutions, amendments, and all motions may be debated during the House of Delegates, except those "undebatable" under Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, or unless the convention, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, dispenses with debate. No Kiwanian shall speak longer than five (5) minutes at one time, except as provided in the order of the day or by a majority vote. (4/1999)

Section -6 4.

- a. Proposed resolutions may be submitted by: (7/1998)
 - (1) The International Board of Trustees; (7/1998)
 - (2) A district board or district house of delegates; or (7/1998)
 - (3) A club, by a majority vote of the members. (7/1998)
- b. The Executive Director must receive all proposed resolutions ~~prior to the next scheduled International convention~~ but no later than October 31 ~~of the administrative year during which they will be considered.~~ (6/2013)
- c. Within sixty (60) days thereafter, the International Committee on Resolutions shall meet to consider such proposed resolutions, as well as any resolutions which may be initiated by the committee. (7/2007)
- d. Not later than ninety (90) days prior to the ~~start~~ date of ~~the International convention voting by delegates~~, the Executive Director shall ~~send to notify~~ the secretary of each club ~~a copy~~ of all proposed resolutions ~~to be considered that administrative year~~, other than memorial and appreciation resolutions. No ~~other~~ resolutions ~~other than those so sent to clubs~~ shall be considered ~~by the International convention~~ unless recommended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the International Board of Trustees. (6/2013)
- e. ~~Debate on any resolution shall not be in order until it has been reported out by the Resolutions Committee. At any time prior to the voting thereon by the delegate body, the Resolutions Committee shall be authorized to make editorial changes in any resolution, provided the import of the resolution is not changed thereby.~~

- f. ~~The members of the Committee on Resolutions shall have the privilege of the floor during the time that the resolutions are being considered by the delegate body, but no member of the Resolutions Committee shall have the right to vote on the resolutions, unless said member is an accredited delegate. (4/1999)~~

ARTICLE XVIII. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

~~**Section 1-** The official program of the annual International convention shall indicate the day and time of the session for the nomination and election of officers and shall be subject to change only in accordance with the rules of convention procedure. (7/1998)~~

~~**Section 2-** The Committee on Elections shall have general charge of the election, including the distribution and tabulation of the ballots. (6/1989)~~

~~**Section 3-1**~~

- a. The nomination and election procedures for officers ~~to be elected at the annual International convention~~ shall be as follows: (7/1998)
- (1) The President-Elect shall be the sole candidate for the office of President. (6/1995)
 - (2) The Vice-President shall be the sole candidate for the office of President-Elect. (6/1997)
 - (3) All candidates for the offices of President-Elect, Vice-President, and Trustees for the announced number of terms available must submit notice of candidacy to the Executive Director no later than ~~the opening of the first business session of the annual International convention~~ thirty (30) days before the polls open. (6/2010) (*See also Interpretations.*)
 - (4) No person shall be considered as a candidate until or unless the following requirements have been met: (6/2010)
 - The candidate shall have completed a full term as a district governor prior to announcing his/her candidacy to Kiwanis International. (6/2013)
 - Written consent of such person has been given. (6/2010)
 - The candidate has been endorsed by the candidate's district house of delegates prior to the candidate announcing his/her candidacy to Kiwanis International. If extenuating circumstances make it impossible for the district house of delegates to endorse a candidate, he/she may be endorsed instead by the district board in authority during the administrative year in which the election will take place. (6/2013)
 - A clear criminal history background check has been conducted and verified by Kiwanis International. (6/2010)
 - (5) ~~Except as otherwise provided by these Bylaws, nothing contained in this Section shall be construed as limiting the right to make further nominations from the floor of the convention. In the event that fewer candidates than the number of terms to be filled declare themselves by the deadline or in the event of the loss of a declared candidate after the deadline which reduces the total number of candidates to less than the number of terms to be filled, additional qualified candidates may declare~~

their intention to run before any voting begins in accordance with a procedure prescribed by the Board of Trustees. (6/2010)

- ~~b. Prior to the nominations, the report of the duly qualified candidates shall be presented to the delegate body. The candidates shall be nominated and voted upon in an order determined by the International Board. (6/2008)~~
- ~~c. The voting shall be by ballot only where there are two (2) or more candidates for the same office. Only accredited delegates or delegates-at-large shall be allowed to vote. (1/2012)~~
- ~~d. No ballot shall be counted whereon it appears that the elector has voted for a greater or lesser number of nominees for an office than there are vacancies to be filled. (6/1997)~~
- ~~e. A majority of all valid votes cast for each position shall be necessary for the election of the President and the President-Elect. In the event that any ballot cast for President or President-Elect does not show a majority for any nominee for the foregoing offices, the President 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 some nominee shall have received a majority of all valid votes cast. (6/1997)~~
- ~~f. A majority of all valid votes cast shall be necessary for the election of the Vice-President, and the entire house of delegates shall vote for one (1) nominee. In the event that a nominee does not receive a majority of the valid votes cast, the President shall designate a time and a place for a run-off election for such office. For the run-off election, the two (2) nominees receiving the greater number of valid votes cast shall be voted on, and the nominee then receiving a majority of the valid votes cast shall be elected. (6/1997)~~
- b. The nominee receiving a majority of the valid votes cast for President, President-elect and Vice-President shall be declared elected.

~~**Section 4.** c. The nominee for a guaranteed office of Trustee for a region shall be presented to the delegate body and declared elected to the Board of Trustees as of the ensuing October 1. (6/2010).~~

~~**Section 5.** d. The nominees for Trustees for regular three-year terms from the United States and Pacific Canada Region receiving the greater number of valid votes shall be declared elected. When necessary to fulfill the requirements of guaranteed representation for the at-large position of Trustee, as provided in these Bylaws, the nominee receiving the greater number of valid votes shall be declared elected. (6/2010)~~

~~**Section 6.** e. Cumulative voting shall not be permitted. (6/1997)~~

~~**Section 7.2.** The Committee on Elections Chairperson shall report promptly the voting results to the annual International convention the results of the balloting and the report shall be signed by a majority of the committee. After the committee has so reported, the chairman shall deliver all ballots to the Executive Director to be kept for a period of ninety (90) days after the close of the convention when the ballots shall be destroyed. (7/1998)~~

(Note: No change is necessary to Section 8.)

ARTICLE XXVIII. AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS AND RESCISSION OF INTERPRETATIONS

Section 1. The Bylaws of Kiwanis International may be enacted and amended ~~at an International convention~~ by two-thirds (2/3) of the valid votes cast. The articles and sections specified in Section 7 of this Article may be enacted or amended by a majority of the valid votes cast, provided that the amendment does not alter, change, modify, or revise any article or section other than those specified in Section 7. (7/2007)

The Bylaws of Kiwanis International also may be enacted and amended by the International Council as provided in Article XIV, Section 4. (7/2007)

Section 2. ~~Prior to the next scheduled International convention but~~ No later than October 31 ~~of the administrative year during which they will be considered,~~ the Executive Director must receive: (6/2013)

- a. Proposed amendments to the Bylaws ~~to be voted on at an International convention~~ (except those passed by the International Council and those initiated by the Board of Trustees); (6/1991)
- b. Proposals to rescind the Bylaws adopted by the International Council; or (6/1991)
- c. Proposals to change or rescind an interpretation of the Bylaws by the Board of Trustees. (6/1991)

Section 3. Proposed amendments to the Bylaws, proposals to rescind the Bylaws adopted by the International Council, or proposals to change or rescind an interpretation of the Bylaws by the Board of Trustees must be submitted by: (6/1991)

- a. The International Board of Trustees; (7/1988)
- b. A district board of trustees or district house of delegates; or (6/1991)
- c. A club, by a majority vote of the members. (7/1988)

Section 4. Not later than ninety (90) days prior to the start date of the International convention, voting by delegates, the Executive Director shall ~~send to notify~~ the secretary of each club a copy of all proposed amendments to be considered that administrative year, including those amendments passed by the International Council, and all proposals to rescind the Bylaws adopted by the International Council or to change or rescind an interpretation of the Bylaws by the Board of Trustees. (6/2013)

Section 5. A majority of the valid votes cast shall be necessary for changes to or rescission of interpretations of the Bylaws ~~shall be made at an International convention of Kiwanis International by a majority of the valid votes cast.~~ (7/1998)

Section 6. Two-thirds (2/3) of the valid votes cast ~~by written or electronic ballot by the House of Delegates~~ shall be required to amend the following provisions of these Bylaws: (7/2007)

- Article I: All Sections
- Article II: Section 1
- Article III: Section 1
- Article IV: Sections 1, 3
- Article V: Sections 1, 3, 7, 9
- Article VII: Section 1
- Article VIII: Sections 1, 3, 4a
- Article IX: Sections 1, 2, 11, 14, 18-19

Article X: Sections 1, 7, 10, 13, 14
Article XI: All Sections
Article XIII: Sections 1, 7, 8
Article XIV: All Sections
Article XV: Sections 1, 4
Article XVI: Sections 1, 4, 5, 8
Article XX: Sections 1, 3, 8
Article XXI: Sections 1, 4
Article XXII: Sections 1-8
Article XXVI: Section 1
Article XXVIII: All Sections
(Updated 7/2014)

Section 7. A majority of the valid votes cast by the ~~House of Delegates~~ shall be required to amend the following provisions of these Bylaws: (7/2006)

Article IV: Section 2
Article V: Sections 2, 4-6, 8
Article VI: All Sections
Article VII: Sections 2-6
Article VIII: Sections 2, 4b, 5-9
Article IX: Sections 3-10, 12-13, 15-17, 20, 21
Article X: Sections 2-6, 8-9, 11-12, 15-17
Article XII: All Sections
Article XIII: Sections 2-6, 9
Article XV: Sections 2, 3, 5-8
Article XVI: Sections 2, 3, 6, 7
Article XVII: All Sections
Article XVIII: All Sections
Article XIX: All Sections
Article XX: Sections 2, 4-7, 9, 10
Article XXI: Sections 2, 3, 5-7
Article XXII: Section 9
Article XXIII: All Sections
Article XXIV: All Sections
Article XXV: Section 1
Article XXVII: Section 1
(Updated 7/2014)

INCIDENTAL CHANGES

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP OF CLUBS IN KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL

Section 3. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Kiwanis International Bylaws, the Standard Form for Club Bylaws, or the Standard Form for District Bylaws, the International Board of Trustees may admit into Kiwanis membership and/or permit the creation of new forms of Kiwanis membership consistent with the Objects of Kiwanis International, which may extend for a period not exceeding five (5) years without approval of the ~~House of Delegates~~ voting delegates. The Executive Director of Kiwanis International shall make an annual report ~~to the House of Delegates~~ covering any such Board actions taken or authorized and make an evaluation of their current effectiveness. (7/2007)

ARTICLE V. ORGANIZING AND CHARTERING OF CLUBS

Section 4. The minimum number of members to organize and charter a prospective club shall be determined by the ~~House of Delegates~~ voting delegates, but shall not be less than fifteen (15) active members. (6/2012)

ARTICLE VIII. CLUB MEMBERS

Section 4. Members Who Belong to More Than One Club

- b. Members who belong to more than one (1) club: (6/2000)
 - (4) May represent only one club for voting purposes at for district or International ~~functions~~ matters. (6/2000)

ARTICLE XI. OFFICERS

Section 6. The President, President-Elect, and Vice-President shall ~~be elected at the annual International convention for a period of one (1) administrative year~~ each serve a one-year term. In order to occupy any such office, the person must have served two (2) years as Trustee. (7/1998)

Section 11. In the event that a Trustee with a remaining term in office of one (1) year seeks to be elected to an office above the level of Trustee, the term of office of said Trustee shall end on September 30 ~~following the annual International convention at~~ of the year during which the Trustee seeks higher office. (7/1998)

ARTICLE XIII. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Section 1.

- c. The Trustees of the Board of Trustees shall be elected so as to provide that: (6/1997)
 - (4) The United States and Pacific Canada Region is guaranteed nine (9) Trustees to be elected ~~at-large~~ by delegates from that Region by secure web-based voting in a manner prescribed by the Board of Trustees at the annual International convention until such time that an alternate plan is presented by the Region and approved by the Board of Trustees. (6/2010)
 - (6) At-Large Seat. Until such time that all defined regions have at least one (1) guaranteed seat on the Kiwanis International Board, there shall be one at-large seat, which shall be filled by a nominee from any region other than the United States and Pacific Canada Region and shall be elected ~~at-large at an annual International convention~~ by delegates ~~and delegates-at-large~~ from all regions by secure web-based voting in a manner prescribed by the Board of Trustees. (6/2010)

Section 8. The interpretation of these Bylaws by the Board of Trustees shall be final and binding, unless such interpretation is changed or rescinded ~~at a subsequent International convention~~ as provided in these Bylaws. To change the interpretation, the proposer must provide the wording of the proposed change. (7/1998) (*See also Interpretations.*)

ARTICLE XIV. INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL

Section 4. The International Council shall confer with and advise the Board of Trustees on matters relating to Kiwanis International. By a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the entire

Council at any meeting, the International Council may enact or amend any provisions of these Bylaws that require a majority vote, provided a copy of any proposed amendment is sent to each member of the Council not less than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting of the Council. Amendments to these Bylaws passed by the International Council shall remain in force, unless rescinded ~~at the next succeeding International convention, in accordance with as provided in~~ these Bylaws. (7/2007)

ARTICLE XV. INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

Section 1. An International convention shall be held once each administrative year at such time and place as shall be determined by the Board of Trustees in the manner provided herein, unless in any year the Board of Trustees shall determine that there exists a condition of emergency and that, because of such emergency, the holding of such convention would not be practical, in which case the Board of Trustees, by further resolution, shall have the power to establish and fix provisions and procedures for transacting, by any means deemed best by the Board of Trustees, any or all business that would normally be transacted by and at an annual International convention, ~~except election of the officers,~~ as provided in these Bylaws. (7/1998)

ARTICLE XIX. DISCIPLINE OF OFFICERS AND VACANCIES IN OFFICE

Section 6. In the event the vacancy is for a Trustee representing the United States and Pacific Canada Region or the At-Large seat, the following process shall apply: (7/2014)

- b. Trustees shall be elected by the vote of the delegates ~~present and voting~~ and the nominees receiving the greater number of votes so cast shall be declared elected to the two-year term(s), if any, and those nominees receiving the next greater number of votes shall be declared elected to the one-year term(s), if any. (7/2014)

Section 13. In any year in which ~~no annual International convention is held~~ the election of officers cannot be transacted via secure web-based voting, the International Council in such year shall elect a qualified member of a club for the succeeding administrative year for each of the following offices: President, President- Elect, Vice-President, and Trustee for the normal term of said office, subject to the provisions for guaranteed Trustees. (7/1998)

ARTICLE XX. COMMITTEES

Section 5. There shall be a Standing Committee on Resolutions, which shall consist of seven (7) members from clubs, at least one (1) of whom shall be a Past International President. (6/1989)

- a. The quorum of the Committee on Resolutions shall be four (4). (6/1989)
- b. The Committee on Resolutions shall consider and make recommendations of resolutions properly submitted as provided in these Bylaws for action ~~at annual International conventions by the delegates~~. The Committee shall also have the authority to originate resolutions and to modify, combine, edit, or not accept any resolution submitted to it. When the Board of Trustees of Kiwanis International proposes to the Resolutions Committee programs for the ensuing administrative year, the Committee on Resolutions shall embody such program or programs in an appropriate resolution or resolutions. (7/1998)

ARTICLE XXII. REVENUE

Section 9.

- c. Any activity authorized by this section shall not involve the release or use of the Kiwanis International Directory or mailing list, including names, addresses, or telephone numbers of the members of clubs, for entering into third party agreements unless such release or use is expressly authorized by the prior consent of a majority of the ~~delegates at an annual International convention~~ voting delegates. (7/1998)

Proposed Amendment 7

Kiwanis International Dues – Flat Increase

Submitted by: The Kiwanis International Board of Trustees

Purpose: To provide that Kiwanis International dues will be US\$52 per member in Tier A nations, US\$34 per member in Tier B nations, and US\$23 per member in Tier C nations.

Effective date: October 1, 2015

Vote required to adopt: 2/3

KI board position: The Kiwanis International Board proposes this amendment for the following reasons:

- Kiwanis International provides tools, resources and other support to help clubs, divisions and districts thrive so that Kiwanis can be a positive global force, united to improve the world. For the past 12 years, Kiwanis International has provided this support without an increase in member dues.
- The last Kiwanis International dues increase in 2003 was projected to last 7–8 years. Through careful stewardship of Kiwanis resources and containment of costs, the board has been able to extend that timeline.
- Spending has decreased by US\$3.9 million since 2005, leaving little or no option for investment in new programs or strategies. As total revenue continues to decrease while inflation causes expenses to increase, it is projected that the operating fund will be negative as early as 2017, and Kiwanis will run out of unrestricted funds to cover those deficits.
- Nearly 84 percent of Kiwanis International's total revenue comes from membership dues. Kiwanis is pursuing non-dues revenue sources and ways to reverse a continuing decline in club membership. However, in the short term, a flat dues increase is needed to provide immediate relief and stability to our operating fund.
- A US\$10 increase is an investment of 83 cents per month.
- Annual dues of US\$52 is in line with Kiwanis' peer organizations: Soroptimist US\$52, Rotary US\$54, Optimist US\$61, Civitan US\$62, Sertoma US\$80. Only Lions is lower, at US\$43.
- Both the short-term and long-term components (*Proposed Amendments 7 and 8*) are intended to be implemented together.
- Doing nothing is an option we simply can't afford to choose. It would jeopardize the future not only of Kiwanis International, but our highly successful and well regarded Service Leadership Programs: Key Club, Circle K, Builders Club, K-Kids and Aktion Club.
- Failure to approve *Proposed Amendments 7 and 8* will result in continued reduction of, or additional costs for, programs, services and resources for clubs and districts, including education, technology, communications, marketing and more.
- Approving a dues increase will ensure continued robust support of The Formula to strengthen clubs and membership, adequate support for priority programs such as our

Service Leadership Programs and Kiwanis' ability to invest in developing non-dues revenue streams.

- When it met in January 2015, the Kiwanis International Council strongly supported the concepts reflected in both *Proposed Amendment 7 and 8*, with 72 percent in favor. The council is composed of the Kiwanis International board, past presidents and district governors.
- The board requests delegates pass *Proposed Amendments 7 and 8* to ensure Kiwanis can thrive as a global organization for the next 100 years, continuing to do what we do best: serving the children of the world.

Learn even more about this year's dues proposals at www.kiwanis.org/2015dues.

Amend Kiwanis International bylaw provisions as follows:

ARTICLE XXII. REVENUE

Section 1. Subject to Sections 2 and 3 of this Article, each club shall pay to Kiwanis International for each member, with the exception of those holding life member status, the sum of ~~forty-two dollars (US \$42.00)~~ fifty-two dollars (US \$52) per annum. Such sum shall be based on each club's annual membership report as of September 30 of each year and shall be due annually on October 1 and payable by November 30. (6/2012)

Section 2. The Board of Trustees shall adjust the dues from the clubs in any country where the Gross National Income per capita is less than ten thousand dollars (US \$10,000) as reported by the World Bank. The schedule for payment shall be as follows: (6/2003)

- Tier A: Countries with per capita income US \$10,000 or more pay ~~US \$42.00~~ \$52. (6/2012)
- Tier B: Countries with per capita income US \$5,000 to US \$9,999 pay ~~US \$27.00~~ \$34. (6/2012)
- Tier C: Countries with per capita income US \$4,999 or less shall pay ~~US \$18.00~~ \$23. (6/2012)

Section 3. A club shall be relieved of any obligation to pay International dues for any club member for a period of two (2) years from the date of joining that club, provided such member was a former member of a Kiwanis International sponsored program. The financial obligations to said member's local club and district, the subscription for official publications, and the premium payable to defray the cost of insurance prescribed in these bylaws shall remain payable. (7/2007)

Proposed Amendment 8

Kiwanis International Dues – Annual Adjustment Option

Submitted by: The Kiwanis International Board of Trustees

Purpose: To provide that Kiwanis International dues may be adjusted annually by no more than five percent (5%) of the previous year's amount.

Effective date: October 1, 2016

Vote required to adopt: 2/3

KI board position: The Kiwanis International Board proposes this amendment for the following reasons:

- Coupled with *Proposed Amendment #7*, which addresses immediate needs, this amendment mitigates the need for future major flat increases, while allowing Kiwanis International to remain nimble and flexible to address positive and negative issues in the financial environment.
- Both the short-term and long-term components (*Proposed Amendments 7 and 8*) are intended to be implemented together.
- Members maintain their direct voice in approving all major increases in dues (anything more than five percent per year).
- Any dues adjustment will be appropriate to the financial environment: anywhere from no adjustment to five percent to reflect inflation.
- Nearly 84 percent of Kiwanis International's total revenue comes from membership dues. Kiwanis is pursuing non-dues revenue sources and ways to reverse a continuing decline in club membership. In the short term, a flat dues increase (*Proposed Amendment 7*) is needed to provide immediate relief and stability to our operating fund.
- The long-term solution—this amendment—is to allow the board to adjust dues thereafter as needed, but no more than five percent annually. Again, this mitigates the need for future flat dues increases and lets Kiwanis prioritize and focus where we should: on supporting the success and strength that clubs, divisions and districts need to thrive.
- Kiwanis International provides tools, resources and other support to help clubs, divisions and districts thrive so that Kiwanis can be a positive global force, united to improve the world. Kiwanis carefully and proactively stewards a budget to provide the best possible tools and resources.
- Kiwanis International has operated without any kind of dues increase since 2003, proving staff and board budgeting prudence. However, spending has decreased by US\$3.9 million since 2005, leaving little or no option for investment in new programs or strategies.
- Doing nothing is an option we simply can't afford to choose. It would jeopardize the future not only of Kiwanis International, but our highly successful and well regarded Service Leadership Programs: Key Club, Circle K, Builders Club, K-Kids and Aktion Club.

- Failure to approve *Proposed Amendments 7 and 8* will result in continued reduction of, or additional costs for, programs, services and resources for clubs and districts, including education, technology, communications, marketing and more.
- Approving a dues increase will ensure continued robust support of The Formula to strengthen clubs and membership, adequate support for priority programs such as our Service Leadership Programs and Kiwanis' ability to invest in developing non-dues revenue streams.
- When it met in January 2015, the Kiwanis International Council strongly supported the concepts reflected in both *Proposed Amendment 7 and 8*, with 72 percent in favor. The council is composed of the Kiwanis International Board, past presidents and district governors.
- The board requests delegates pass *Proposed Amendments 7 and 8* to ensure Kiwanis can thrive as a global organization for the next 100 years, continuing to do what we do best: serving the children of the world.

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Amend Kiwanis International bylaw provisions as follows:

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Section 2. ~~The Board of Trustees shall adjust the dues from the clubs in any country where the Gross National Income per capita is less than ten thousand dollars (US \$10,000) as reported by the World Bank. The schedule for payment shall be as follows: The Kiwanis International dues shall be charged as follows based on the Gross National Income Per Capita as reported by the World Bank, rounded-up to the nearest dollar.~~ (6/2003)

- Tier A: Countries with per capita income of US \$10,000 or more shall pay US ~~\$42.00~~ 100 percent of the annual dues amount. (6/2012)
- Tier B: Countries with per capita income of US \$5,000 to US \$9,999 shall pay US ~~\$27.00~~ 65 percent of the annual dues amount. (6/2012)
- Tier C: Countries with per capita income of US \$4,999 or less shall pay US ~~\$18.00~~ 43 percent of the annual dues amount. (6/2012)

Section 3. A club shall be relieved of any obligation to pay International dues for any club member for a period of two (2) years from the date of joining that club, provided such member was a former member of a Kiwanis International sponsored program. The financial obligations to said member's local club and district, the subscription for official publications, and the premium payable to defray the cost of insurance prescribed in these

Proposed Amendment 9 Kiwanis-Affiliated Entities

Submitted by: The Kiwanis Club of Medina Breakfast, Ohio

Purpose: To clarify Kiwanis International's authority regarding foundations and affiliated entities.

Effective date: Immediately

Vote required to adopt: 2/3

Proposer's position: The club advocates this amendment for the following reasons:

- Kiwanis International has the responsibility to oversee all parts of the Kiwanis family and to provide protection of the Kiwanis brand, both externally and internally.
- One area of responsibility not clearly defined in the current bylaws is the use of the Kiwanis name or marks by foundations or other affiliated entities such as the new Kiwanis Youth Programs Inc. umbrella corporation for all Service Leadership Programs for youth.
- This amendment affirms the existing authority of Kiwanis International to approve the formation and general operations of foundations or other affiliates, in order for them to use the Kiwanis name and marks. This amendment has no effect on the day-to-day operations of Kiwanis foundations or other affiliates.

KI board position: The Kiwanis International Board supports this amendment for the following reasons:

- The board agrees with the statements of the proposer.
- When it met in January 2015, the Kiwanis International Council supported this amendment, with 85 percent in favor. The council is composed of the Kiwanis International board, past presidents and district governors.

Amend Kiwanis International bylaw provisions as follows:

ARTICLE III. POWERS

Section 1. The powers of Kiwanis International shall be:

- a. To direct, manage, supervise, and control the business, property, and funds of Kiwanis International and any sponsored organizations or programs.
- b. To create, supervise, and control clubs, districts, federations, or other groups of clubs and divisions thereof. (7/1988)
- c. To provide approval and oversight of foundations, charitable funds, and other entities affiliated with Kiwanis International.



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