

Bylaws of the NE-IA Past Lt. Governors Association

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Past Lt. Governors Association Nebraska-Iowa District Kiwanis International

ARTICLE I - OFFICIAL NAME

Section 1. The official name of this organization shall be the Past Lt. Governors Association (referred to herein as PLGA).

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

Section 1. The primary purpose of the PLGA is to actively support and assist the Nebraska-Iowa (NE-IA) District leadership and Kiwanis International in promoting membership growth and service programs compatible with Kiwanis ideals and objectives.

Section 2. These purposes are founded in the belief that the experience, dedication and utilization of those who have served in the distinguished position of Lt. Governor will materially enhance the success of the NE-IA District and serve in maximizing district achievements.

Section 3. These purposes are to assist in the promotion of the Objects of Kiwanis International and therein as follows:

1. To provide leadership, by example, for the growth of Kiwanis through new club building, membership growth, member retention and member education.
2. To aid and assist current Lt. Governors in promoting officer training, division projects and conducting division council meetings.
3. To promote and assist the organization and activities of Past Lt. Governor chapters within NE-IA District divisions, whose purpose, objectives, methods and goals compliment Kiwanis International, the NE-IA District and the PLGA.
4. To willingly serve as advisor and consultant to all Kiwanians and clubs.

5. To actively promote and support the NE-IA District Foundation and Kiwanis International Foundation.
6. To assist and support all Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs.
7. To assist in District and Division activities or conferences as requested by the District Governor.
8. To promote and encourage the continuing interest and participation of all Past Lt. Governors in the aims and activities of Kiwanis and the PLGA.
9. To seek out, assist and encourage qualified Kiwanians to serve at all levels of Kiwanis leadership.
10. To promote attendance at all division functions, NE-IA District boards and conventions and Kiwanis International conventions.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. All past Lt. Governors who are members in good standing of a Kiwanis Club of the NE-IA District are eligible for PLGA membership. Past Lt. Governors will be listed in the PLGA online directory in the division in which they reside.

Past Lt. Governors who served in other districts of Kiwanis International will be listed in the division in which they reside, along with the district in which they served.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers of the PLGA shall be the President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer. Duties of each shall be those generally pertaining to such offices. Officers shall begin their official duties on October 1 of each year, and shall serve for a term of two (2) years or until such time as their successors shall be duly elected and qualified.

ARTICLE V - COMMITTEES

Section 1. The President shall appoint members to any committee deemed necessary to ensure proper functioning of the PLGA.

Section 2. All committees shall be “ad hoc” committees with terms to expire at the completion of their assignments.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

Section 1. The Annual Meeting of the PLGA shall be held at the time of the annual NE-IA District Convention.

Section 2. To constitute a quorum at the Annual Meeting, at least twelve (12) active members must be present.

Section 3. The PLGA Board shall convene not less than twice annually.

Section 4. Notification of meetings shall be given to all members by electronic mail by the President or Secretary and by publication in the NE-IA District Bulletin. Notification shall be made at least fifteen (15) days in advance of any meeting.

ARTICLE VII - MINUTES OF MEETINGS

Section 1. The Secretary shall record and keep written minutes of all official meetings. All minutes and reports shall be approved by the PLGA members

Section 2. A news release to the NE-IA District office will be made following important activities, announcements, and such within ten (10) days of such meetings or events.

ARTICLE VIII - NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The election of officers shall be held at the Annual Meeting.

Section 2. Generally, this election will be conducted to elect a President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 3. In the event there is a Nominating Committee, it shall submit to the President nominations for the offices described in Section 2, with the consent of those nominated, and will prepare a slate for the election of such officers.

Section 4. Additional nominations may be made from the floor with the consent of the person or persons so nominated.

Section 5. Only those members present shall be eligible to vote. There will be no voting by proxy.

ARTICLE IX - VACANCIES IN OFFICE

Section 1. In the case of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice President shall succeed to the office of President. In the case of a vacancy in the office of Vice

President or Secretary-Treasurer, the vacancy shall be filled at a regular or special meeting of the PLGA members upon fifteen (15) days advance notice of the meeting.

Section 2. Officers elected to fill a vacancy shall be elected for the unexpired term of his/her predecessor.

ARTICLE X - REMOVAL OF OFFICERS

Section 1. When it appears to the President or a majority of the PLGA Board, or by a petition signed by a majority of PLGA members, that an officer may be engaging in conduct unbecoming a Kiwanian, or has failed to perform the duties of such office, the PLGA members shall give written notice of the alleged facts to the officer thirty (30) days prior to any proposed action of the members to consider the removal of the officer

Section 2. If the PLGA members find the officer has engaged in conduct unbecoming a Kiwanian, or has failed to perform the duties of such office, the PLGA members shall declare such office vacant.

Section 3. If such office is declared vacant, the PLGA members shall proceed forthwith to elect a new officer in accordance with Article VIII.

ARTICLE XI - LEADERSHIP

Section 1. Strong, capable, dedicated and enthusiastic leadership at all levels of Kiwanis is essential to the successful growth of Kiwanis and its programs of service. The PLGA therefore expects all officers of the PLGA to faithfully and fully execute the responsibilities of their offices.

Section 2. Past Lt. Governors have the opportunity and responsibility to encourage the acceptance of leadership by qualified Kiwanians in their clubs and divisions. The position of Lt. Governor requires strong leadership, competence and dedication. It is the desire and intent of the PLGA that its members give all possible assistance to current Lt. Governors and to assure the availability of qualified Kiwanians for this position each year.

Section 3. Selection of a qualified Kiwanian for District Governor is an important task. In fairness to all candidates for District Governor-elect, the PLGA will not endorse or support any candidate. Furthermore, such candidates will make no campaign appeal that suggests the support of the PLGA.

PLGA members may work individually on behalf of an individual seeking the office of District Governor-elect.

Section 4. The NE-IA District has a long and impressive history of outstanding Kiwanians serving at an international level in both elective and appointive positions.

The PLGA will endorse and support any NE-IA District Convention-approved candidate for office at the international level.

ARTICLE XII - REVENUE

Section 1. The Secretary-Treasurer shall receive, record and correctly deposit all monies, donations and gifts to the PLGA.

Section 2. The Secretary-Treasurer shall disperse funds on the approval of a second PLGA officer.

ARTICLE XIII - FINANCE

Section 1. The fiscal year of the PLGA shall begin on October 1 of each calendar year.

Section 2. The Secretary-Treasurer shall submit a written Financial Report to the members at each regular meeting, at the end of each fiscal year and at other times as requested by the President.

Section 3. The officers shall determine the official depository for all PLGA funds.

Section 4. All funds shall be deposited in the name of the PLGA. Checks drawn on PLGA funds shall be signed by either the President, Vice President or Secretary-Treasurer.

ARTICLE XIV - 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 XV - DISSOLUTION

Section 1. Upon the dissolution of the PLGA, its assets shall be distributed to the Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanis Foundation or, in the event the Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanis Foundation no longer exists as a recognized tax-exempt organization, the assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the PLGA is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, that are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE XVI - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Any amendment(s) to these Bylaws may be adopted on the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at any Annual Meeting of the PLGA.

Section 2. Notification of the proposed amendment(s) shall be by electronic mail and publication in the NE-IA District Bulletin at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting of the PLGA.

ARTICLE XVII - APPROVAL

Section 1. These Bylaws shall be approved by a majority vote of members present during an official meeting of the PLGA.

Section 2. These Bylaws and all amendments or additions shall not be effective unless approved by the Board of Trustees of the NE-IA District of Kiwanis International.

ADOPTED BY THE NEBRASKA-IOWA PAST LT. GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION

On this date _____

_____ President

_____ Secretary-Treasurer

APPROVED _____ Date)

_____ District Governor

_____ District Secretary