

## Club Board of Directors

What the board of directors can and cannot do by itself is set forth in the Standard Form Lions Club Constitution and By-Laws (LA-2). This information is published on the association's website. Similar information may be referenced in the club's constitution and by-laws.

Any club rule, procedure, by-law or constitutional provision that is contrary to the constitution and by-laws of the club, district, multiple district or the International Constitution and By-Laws is not valid.

The board of directors shall have the following duties and powers:

- (1) It is the executive board of the club and is responsible for the execution, through the club officers, of the policies approved by the club. All new business and policy of the club shall be considered and shaped, first, by the board of directors for presentation to and approval by the club members at a regular or special club meeting.
- (2) It authorizes all expenditures and shall not create any indebtedness beyond the current income of this club, nor authorize disbursement of club funds for purposes inconsistent with the business and policy authorized by the club membership.
- (3) It has the power to modify, override or rescind the action of any officer of the club.
- (4) It ensures that the books, accounts and operations of the club are audited annually or, at its discretion, more frequently and may require an accounting or have an audit made of the handling of any club funds by any officer, committee or member of the club. Any member of the club in good standing may inspect the audit or accounting upon request at a reasonable time and place.
- (5) It appoints, on recommendation of the finance committee, a bank or banks for the deposit of the funds of the club.
- (6) It appoints the surety for the bonding (insurance) of any officer of the club.
- (7) It shall not authorize, nor permit, the expenditure, for any administrative purpose, of the net income of projects or activities of the club by which funds are raised from the public.
- (8) It shall submit all matters of new business and policy to the respective standing or special club committee for study and recommendation to the board.
- (9) It appoints, or designates a committee to appoint, subject to approval of the club membership, the delegates and alternates of the club to district (single, sub- or multiple) and international conventions.
- (10) It maintains at least two (2) separate funds governed by generally accepted accounting practices. The first fund to record administrative monies such as dues, tail twisting fines and other internally raised club funds. A second fund is to be established to record activity or public welfare monies raised by asking support from the public. Disbursement from such funds is to be in strict compliance with item (7) above.

Also check your club Constitution & By-Laws. If you don't have one, download the Standard Club Constitution & By-Laws and create one for your club using the info provided – just fill in the blanks that are applicable to your club.