

February 15, 2024

Document No. 1: Introduction to the 2024 D50 Document Update and Revision Package

The D50 Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Policies Committee (CBL) is charged with the maintenance of the three documents named in its title. This document update and revision package contains three additional separate files:

Document No. 2: Proposed LCI-mandated revisions to the D50 Constitution and By-Laws;

Document No. 3: Proposed revisions and amendments to the D50 Standing Policies;

Document No. 4: Proposed amendments to the D50 By-Laws.

1. Simple working definitions: a Constitution establishes the basic principles and structures by which an organization governs itself; By-Laws are secondary rules by which an organization operates and regulates itself; Standing Policies are usually specific rules or guidelines for specific situations.
2. Each year at its annual Convention, Lions Clubs International (LCI) votes on changes to the over-all LCI Constitution and By-Laws. All approved revisions to these documents automatically supersede District versions (LCI 2023-24 Constitution, Article V). The D50 Constitution and By-Laws have not been aligned with LCI since 2019. CBL has done this alignment for FY 2023-24. The aligned version follows as Document No. 2.
3. CBL is responsible for the amending process of the D50 Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Policies. On October 11, 2023 via the Cabinet Secretary, CBL sent a call for amendments to all D50 Club Secretaries for distribution to all members. Instructions and a proposal form were posted on the D50 website with a submission deadline of November 15, 2023. CBL received no amendment proposals for the Constitution, five amendment proposals for the By-Laws, and twenty-three amendment proposals (subsequently reduced/merged to sixteen) for the Standing Policies. Those proposed amendments follow as Document Nos. 3 and 4.
4. The Standing Policies document has not been revised since 2016. Although there is no official requirement to update the SPs on a regular basis, much has changed in eight years and CBL has undertaken a thorough review, revision, and reformatting of the SPs. The current CBL recognizes that all proposed CBL amendments at the 2022-23 D50 Convention were tabled; because they were not revived in any way, they “fell to the floor” and are no longer valid. However, the present CBL committee has reviewed the tabled changes and has included proposed amendments for those that it feels retain merit.

The proposals for revision and amendment to the Standing Policies follow as Document No. 3.

5. *Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised* (12th, Section 41:32) allows the combination of various items not requiring debate under one “consent calendar” (aka “consent agenda”). At the 2024 Convention CBL intends to present two consent calendar amendments:

a. Consent Calendar A: for all LCI-mandated changes to the D50 Constitution and By-Laws. Consent Calendar A also includes changes/corrections to nomenclature, grammar, mechanics, and format which do not affect meaning (i.e., “housekeeping”).

b. Consent Calendar B: for the Standing Policies includes changes/corrections to nomenclature, grammar, mechanics, and format which do not affect meaning (i.e., “housekeeping”). The Standing Policies proposed amendments submitted under Consent Calendar B are SP Nos. 2, 11, 14; they are marked in the SP document with highlighted double asterisks (**).

6. This online posting of proposed revisions to the District 50 Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Policies and the accompanying proposed amendments to the By-Laws and Standing Policies serves as the required notice that the same will be voted on at the District 50 Convention to be held April 26-27, 2024. LCI requires a minimum of thirty (30) days advance notice for amendments to be considered at a district convention (LCI 2023-24 By-Laws, Article X.3). By presenting these documents at this time, CBL has met the minimum of March 26, 2024.

7. A District-wide informational Zoom meeting to discuss this package has been scheduled for Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 6:30 PM. The meeting link will be distributed well in advance to all D50 members via their club Secretaries. D50 members/Convention Delegates should review the documents carefully prior to the Zoom meeting and Convention. Please print your own copies if you wish to have the documents on paper.

8. Comments for CBL may be made to: <mailto:stephencanham@hawaiilions.org>

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