

Legend for the Draft D50 Standing Policies Revision Document

CBL = D50 Committee on Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Policies.

SP = Standing Policies.

Proposed amendment numbers are **bolded** and underlined.

Text to be deleted is ~~struck through~~.

Amendment additions/changes are in **highlighted in yellow**.

Corrections and changes in grammar, spelling, capitalization, punctuation, format, and LCI nomenclature have been made silently. These do not affect meaning.

****** following proposed amendments Nos. 2, 11, & 14 indicate a Consent Calendar B (housekeeping) item. See Introduction (Document 1).

All highlighting and strikethrough will be removed following the D50 Convention.



FINAL DRAFT
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District 50 Standing Policies

The following proposed amendments and revisions to the D50 Standing Policies have been reviewed and accepted by the 2023-24 D50 Committee on Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Policies.

Policy 1. District Governor's Gift Fund

Proposed SP Amendment No. 1

A maximum of ~~three hundred dollars (\$300.00)~~ **five-hundred dollars (\$500.00)** may be expended by the outgoing District Governor from the Administrative Operating Fund to ~~buy~~ **purchase** and present gifts to the outgoing District Governor's Cabinet members.

Rationale: increases allotment amount.
Annual costs to D50: \$500.00
Committee(s) affected: Finance
Proposed by: PDG Eric Nordmeier, West Kauai LC

Policy 2. Communications to Lions International

Proposed SP Amendment No. 2**

A copy of all correspondence to Lions **Clubs** International initiated by a Lions Club or individual Lion (other than orders of supplies and routine reports required by Lions **Clubs** International), shall be forwarded to the ~~District Office~~, District Governor, First Vice District Governor, Second Vice District Governor, and applicable District Committee Chair**persons**.

Rationale: aligns text with LCI nomenclature; deletes District Office as unnecessary recipient.
Annual costs to D50: none
Committee(s) affected: none
Proposed by: PDG Eric Nordmeier, West Kauai LC; CBL

Policy 3. Gift to Lions Clubs International Officers on Official Business

Proposed SP Amendment No. 3

~~A copy of all correspondence to Lions International initiated by a Lions Club or individual Lion (other than orders of supplies and routine reports required by Lions International), shall be forwarded to the District Office, District Governor, First Vice District Governor, Second Vice District Governor and applicable District Committee Chairs.~~

The District Governor is authorized to expend District funds of no more than one-hundred dollars (\$100.00) for a gift to each Lions Club International Officer on official business.

Rationale: deletes misplaced text; substitutes appropriate text for Policy 3.
Annual costs to D50: varies
Committee(s) affected:
Proposed by: PDG Eric Nordmeier, West Kauai LC

Policy 4. Entertaining of Visiting Lions

Proposed SP Amendment No. 4

~~A.~~The District Governor is authorized to spend District funds in entertaining the International Family, which includes the International President, Vice Presidents, Past Presidents, Directors and Officers, ~~of the~~ **only when referrals are made by the** International Office.

~~B.~~ The District Governor is authorized to expend District funds ~~only when referrals are made by the International Office.~~

Rationale: clarifies existing language; deletes redundant section B and unnecessary section A heading.
Annual costs to D50: varies
Committee(s) affected: none
Proposed by: CBL

Policy 5. Use of District 50 Flags

Proposed SP Amendment No. 5

The District 50 Sergeant-at-Arms shall be the custodian of the District 50 Flags. ~~The Flags may be rented to individuals or organizations.~~

Rationale: deletes flag rental option which could pose a logistical problem if the Sergeant-at-Arms does not reside on the same island as the renter/borrower.
Eliminates any usage fee associated with flags.
Annual costs to D50: none
Committee(s) affected: none
Proposed by: CBL

Policy 6. ~~Subsidy for Cabinet Officers~~

Subsidies for District 50 Officers and Chairpersons

Proposed SP Amendment No. 6 (for 6.A & 6.B)

~~Cabinet~~ Officers attending District 50 quarterly Cabinet meetings shall receive a uniform subsidy based on the following:

A. For Officers, excluding the District Governor, traveling to Cabinet meeting held off island of residence:

1. Actual cost of full round-trip ~~plane fare~~ **economy** airfare on a public air carrier. If other means of travel are utilized, ~~Subsidy~~ **subsidies** shall be for actual cost, but not to exceed public air carrier rates.

2. Per diem allowance at a rate to be determined by the District Governor, but not to exceed ~~twenty five dollars (\$25.00) per day or fifty dollars (\$50.00)~~ **thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) per day or seventy dollars (\$70.00)** per quarterly Cabinet meeting.

Rationale: broadens title to include various D50 Officers and Chairpersons; clarifies existing language; adjusts per diem to align with 2024 federal rates for Hawaii.

Annual costs to D50: varies

Committee(s) affected: Finance

Proposed by: CBL

~~B. For Officers, excluding the District Governor, residing on island of site of Cabinet meeting, actual cost for one breakfast and one lunch not to exceed a total of ten dollars (\$10.00).~~

For Cabinet Officers and Committee Chairpersons attending a Cabinet meeting in person: the actual cost of one breakfast and one lunch, not to exceed a total of thirty dollars (\$30.00).

Rationale: title update; clarifies existing language; increases subsidy amount.

Annual costs to D50: varies

Committee(s) affected: Finance

Proposed by: PDG Eric Nordmeier, West Kauai LC

Proposed SP Amendment No. 7 (for 6.C & 6.D)

~~C. For the District Governor: actual cost difference between that provided to Officers under this policy and that allowed by Lions International. If Lions International's allowance is higher, no subsidy will be received from District 50.~~

if an allowed Lions Clubs International subsidy for the District Governor is higher than that of District 50, no subsidy will be paid by District 50.

Rationale: clarifies existing language to eliminate possible "double dipping" both subsidies.

Annual costs to D50: none

Committee(s) affected: none

Proposed by: CBL

D. For Region and Zone Chair**persons** attending their quarterly Zone Advisory meetings: the actual cost of travel between Maui, Molokai and Lanai **shall be allowed, not to exceed**

the cost of economy airfare on a public carrier.

Rationale: clarifies existing language; stipulates economy class airfare.
Annual costs to D50: varies
Committee(s) affected: Finance
Proposed by: CBL

Policy 7. Subsidies for District Governor and Vice Governors

Proposed SP Amendment No. 8 (for 7.A)

A. The District Governor shall receive a contingency fund of ~~\$1,200~~ one-thousand, seven-hundred and fifty dollars (\$1,750.00) from District 50 to help defray expenses for official Lions functions not covered by Lions Clubs International.

Rationale: adds Section 7.A; increases allotment amount.
Annual costs to D50: \$1,750.00
Committee(s) affected: Finance
Proposed by: CBL

Proposed SP Amendment No. 9 for (7.B)

B. The First and Second Vice District Governors shall each receive an In-District subsidy of one-thousand, five-hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) from District 50 to help defray expenses for official Lions functions within the District. The subsidy will be for actual costs and paid upon submittal of receipts. Reimbursement for such expenses shall be made on the same basis as outlined in the Rules of Audit of Lions International. Any monies remaining at the end of each year shall be dealt with under provisions of Article VII, Section 2, "Remaining Funds," of the District Constitution and By-Laws.

Rationale: adds Section 7.B. Many Districts in the United States are suffering a leadership vacuum, primarily a shortage of candidates running for Vice District Governors. One of the major reasons given for this problem is the cost associated with being a Vice District Governor. All Past District Governors and current Officers understand and identify with the problem, as the positions were unfunded mandates from Lions Clubs International. Some Districts on the mainland provide some funding for their VDGs, while District 50 Hawaii provides nothing. If we want to attract the best and the brightest to run and avoid a leadership vacuum, we need to help with some of the economic burdens placed on our VDGs. The \$1,500 will not cover all their expenses but will help them as they perform the duties of their office.
Annual costs to D50: \$3,000.00
Committee(s) affected: Finance
Proposed by: ID Robert Lee, Chinatown LC

Policy 8. Assignment of Miscellaneous Activities

Unchanged

Where the District receives a request directly for financial assistance for an activity benefiting the public in a particular geographic region, the District Governor shall forward such request to the Club(s) within the Zone(s) or Region of such area for the Club’s consideration. Excluded from this, however, are requests for assistance for which there is an established District 50 Activity Fund such as the District 50 Disaster Fund.

Policy 9. Lions International Pledge

Unchanged

The Lions International Pledge shall be performed by standing at attention facing the Lions banner or Lions Flag with the right hand over the heart.

Policy 10. Cost of Cabinet Officers’ Visitations

Proposed SP Amendment No. 10

A. The Club or Clubs hosting the District Governor and companion-in-service or the ~~First Vice District Governor and spouse or Second Vice District Governor and spouse~~ **First and Second Vice District Governors with their respective companions-in-service,** shall defray the cost of their meals. **The Club(s) shall also defray the meals of a driver or guest, if any.**

B. The Club or Clubs hosting the Region **Chairperson** and **companion-in-service** or the Zone Chairperson and companion-in-service shall defray the cost of their meals.

Rationale: aligns text with LCI nomenclatures; adds meals for driver and/or guest.
Annual costs to D50: none
Committee(s) affected: none
Proposed by: CBL

Policy 11. Carryover of Unencumbered Funds

Proposed SP Amendment No. 11**

~~A., B.~~

At the conclusion of activity within a Lions Administrative Year, the unexpended funds of District 50 special programs shall be deposited with the District Cabinet Treasurer and earmarked **to be used in ensuing years for the specific programs from whence the funds were derived.** This policy does not apply to funds governed by other policies or to the provisions of the District Constitution and By-Laws.

Rationale: reorders clauses for clarity; merges A & B into one paragraph, deletes unnecessary “A” and “B” headings.

Annual costs to D50: varies
Committee(s) affected: Finance
Proposed by: CBL

Policy 12. Fundraising for District Activities

Proposed SP Amendment No. 12

~~The District shall not engage in any fund raising project by contracting for services third parties nor permit the use of District 50 name by any Lion wherein a financial liability might occur to the District as a result thereof, provided that the foregoing shall not preclude fund raising for District sponsored activities or the use of District 50 name, where said fund raising are conducted by and limited to the participation of the majority of the Lions Clubs in the District.~~

The District shall not engage in any fundraising project by contracting for services through a third party or permit the use of the District 50 name by any Lion if a financial liability to the District might result.

The Cabinet may make an exception if a District fundraiser is approved and conducted by the majority of Lions Clubs in the District.

Rationale: monster sentence revised for clarity.
Annual costs to D50: none
Committee(s) affected: Finance
Proposed by: CBL in consultation with D50 Legal Advisor

Policy 13. USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

Proposed SP Amendment No. 13

Should the First Vice District Governor attend the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, reimbursement shall be provided by the District for ~~airfare~~ **economy airfare on a public carrier**, registration, hotel, and meals not to exceed the ~~budgeted amount in the District 50 budget~~ **District 50 budgeted amount**. There shall be no reimbursement to the District Governor from District 50 funds should the District Governor choose to attend this Forum.

Rationale: stipulates economy airfare on a public carrier consistent with other SPs; cuts wordiness.
Annual costs to D50: varies
Committee(s) affected: Finance
Proposed by: CBL

Policy 14. International and District Pins

Unchanged

The incoming District Governor, when attending the International Convention, shall be provided, at the District's expense, with 150 District pins and 150 International pins for trading or 300 of one type of pin in the event only one of the above two types is available.

Likewise, the outgoing District Governor shall be provided, at the District's expense, with 50 District pins and 50 International pins for trading or 100 of one type of pin in the event only one of the above two types is available. Any International Director of District 50 shall be provided, at the District's expense, with 200 District pins each year during their time of service.

Policy 15. Payment of the Convention Registration Fees for the DG, VDGs, PIDs, and PDGs

Proposed SP Amendment No. 14**

The Convention registration fee for the District Governor, the First Vice District Governor and the Second Vice District Governor shall be ~~provided~~ paid by the Convention Committee. The Convention registration fee for all Past International Officers from District 50, all Past District Governors of District 50 and their spouses ~~spouses~~ companions-in-service shall be paid by their Clubs or by themselves as determined by their Clubs.

Rationale: aligns text with LCI nomenclature; regularizes verbs for clarity.
Annual costs to D50: varies
Committee(s) affected: Convention
Proposed by: CBL

~~Policy 16. Credit on Dropped Members~~

Proposed SP Amendment No. 15

~~Semi-annual District dues are billed on July 1 and January 1, based on the membership statistics shown on the May and November Monthly Membership reports, since those are the reports on file on the billing dates. Full six months credit will be issued on dropped members reported on the June and December Monthly Membership reports, provided those reports reach International Headquarters no later than the close of the following month (no later than July 3 and January 31). No credit will be issued on members dropped on reports received after July 31 and January 31.~~

Rationale: delete Policy 16 entirely. This procedure was terminated by the LCI Board of Directors in April 2018, thus making Policy 16 inaccurate and superfluous: "Please be advised that the Board met in April 2018 and discontinued credit for members who were dropped after the June 30th and December 31st dues billing." Pam Grasham, LCI Billing Coordinator, Accounts Receivable and Club Account Services Department; email to CBL

Committee member, 12/13/2023.
Annual costs to D50: none
Committee(s) affected: Finance
Proposed by: CBL

[Assuming the deletion of Policy 16, the two final policies will be renumbered as 16 and 17.]

Policy 17. Effective Date

Unchanged

These policies shall be effective immediately following adjournment of the District 50 Convention and are in effect until superseded or amended.

Policy 18. Amendment

Proposed SP Amendment No. 16

These policies may be amended only at the Annual Convention of this District when such amendment is reported by the Committee on ~~Constitution and By-laws~~ **Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Policies** and adopted by a majority affirmative vote of the delegates registered at the Convention, present in person, qualified and casting a vote, provided such notice of proposed amendment has been submitted to all Clubs in District 50 at least ~~forty-five (45)~~ **thirty (30)** days prior to the Annual District Convention at which the amendment is to be voted on.

Rationale: corrects CBL Committee name; aligns notice period with LCI policy
(LCI 2023-2024 Constitution, Article IX.3, p. 12)

Annual costs to D50: none
Committee(s) affected: none
Proposed by: CBL

End of Standing Policies Proposed Amendment Document