Proposed amendments

for consideration at the
101st Annual Kiwanis International Convention
June 24, 2016
To all Kiwanis clubs: March 2016

Proposed amendments to the Kiwanis International Bylaws will be presented for action at the 101st Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Several important issues will be considered and voted on at the House of Delegates on Friday, June 24, 2016. 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 wording ......................... Each club may hold a program.

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

New wording would be ............... Each club shall hold an annual program.

We hope each club will send two delegates to the 2016 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 Toronto.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director
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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) must be seconded from the floor. The presiding officer then places the motion (or amendment) 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 a motion, he/she should simply vote against it. (Note: 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. 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.” A motion cannot be postponed until the next annual convention.

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

**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.
STANDING RULES FOR THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Rule 1: The official language of this Convention shall be English. Simultaneous interpretations may be made available, as designated in the official program.

Rule 2: Only delegates with official delegate badges may present or speak on motions and vote.

Rule 3: Only delegates may be seated in the area designated for delegates.

Rule 4: The House of Delegates shall allow delegates to leave and re-enter; however, individual electronic voting units shall not leave the House. Delegates leaving the House early must surrender voting units to an Elections Committee volunteer at the pass-out door; voting units will be returned to delegates upon re-entry to the House. In no case will a delegate be allowed to cast a ballot for any votes conducted in his/her absence.

Rule 5: Any main motion or amendment shall be written in English, signed by the maker and seconder, and presented to the Executive Director or designee before it is moved.

Rule 6: No delegate may speak in debate more than three (3) minutes at a time unless allowed to do so by a majority vote of the delegates.

Rule 7: No delegate may address the assembly a second time on the same question until all other delegates who desire to speak on the topic have spoken.

Rule 8: The maker of a motion shall be entitled to speak first in support of such motion or may immediately yield the floor to another delegate.

Rule 9: Microphones shall be designated by number. Speakers for the main motion shall use the odd-numbered microphones, and speakers against the main motion shall use the even-numbered microphones. The chair will recognize microphones in rotating order. Debate on each issue will begin at Microphone One and alternate between those speaking for and those speaking against a motion.

Rule 10: A delegate shall not speak for or against a motion and move to close debate on the same recognition.

Rule 11: An assistant Sergeant at Arms shall be positioned at each microphone to relay to the chair priority motions, such as a point of order, a point of information, etc. Any microphone may be used to make priority or secondary motions.

Rule 12: Debate on main motions (i.e., any resolution or proposed amendment to the Bylaws) shall be limited to 15 minutes, at which time the vote shall be taken on the resolution or amendment, unless the House, by a majority vote, orders debate to be extended. Debate on debatable secondary motions from the floor, such as amendments or motions to refer, shall be limited to five (5) minutes, which shall not apply to the 15-minute limit on debate on the main motion. Debate may be closed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote on any immediately pending motion or series of motions at any time.

Rule 13: If the submitting body wishes to withdraw a motion after it has been moved and seconded, the House, by a majority vote, may grant permission for withdrawal.
Rule 14: Subject to the discretion of the chair, no proposed amendment to the Bylaws shall be introduced later than 15 minutes before the scheduled adjournment of any morning or afternoon session.

Rule 15: Candidates for the offices of Kiwanis International President and President-Elect may have one (1) nominating speech not to exceed three (3) minutes.

Rule 16: Candidates for the office of International Vice-President shall have a nomination not to exceed one (1) minute, and each candidate shall have up to five (5) minutes to personally address the House of Delegates. In the event of a run-off election, each of the candidates involved shall return to the stage before the second ballot to present remarks not to exceed two (2) minutes.

Rule 17: Candidates for the office of International Trustee shall have a nomination, the content of which shall include only: (a) the nominator’s name and club; and (b) the name of the candidate and the office the candidate is seeking. Each candidate shall have up to three (3) minutes to personally address the House of Delegates.

Rule 18: Candidates whose remarks require interpretation shall be allowed no more than twice the normal time limit for the presentation of their remarks and interpretation combined. Candidates must provide their own interpreters.

Rule 19: Any candidate who is unopposed for office may be elected by a voice vote.

Rule 20: Any of the above rules may be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

Rule 21: Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure not specifically covered by the Bylaws of Kiwanis International and these standing rules.

Rule 22: The Kiwanis International Board and Staff are authorized to make nonsubstantive corrections that may be necessary as a result of adopting Bylaw amendments that cause unintentional conflicts or inconsistencies in terminology, grammar, numbering, cross-references, etc.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ELECTRONIC VOTING UNITS (KEYPADS):

• Your choices for each vote will appear on the big screens.

• Voting on each item begins when the President says “Vote now.”

• You have 20 seconds to vote on each item, per a countdown clock that appears on the big screens.

• Press the button of your choice to vote.

• Your selection appears briefly in your keypad display.

• Only your last press before the clock expires counts.

• One person, one keypad, one vote.
Proposed Amendment 1
Auxiliary Bodies

Submitted by: Kiwanis International Board
Purpose: To eliminate obsolete and potentially confusing wording.
Effective date: October 1, 2016
Vote required to adopt: Two-thirds

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

- Prior to the removal of gender-based membership restrictions in 1987, the bylaws contained this provision to restrict the organization from organizing any (usually female) auxiliaries, as was common among many all-male associations at the time.
- Now that Kiwanis membership is open to both men and women, this provision is no longer appropriate.
- The provision could cause confusion as to what an “auxiliary body” actually is now.

Financial impact: No significant financial impact.

Amend Kiwanis International bylaw provisions as follows:

ARTICLE XXVI. AUXILIARY BODIES

Section 1. There shall be no auxiliary bodies created or organized within this organization.
Proposed Amendment 2
Use of Kiwanis Name and Marks

Submitted by: Kiwanis International Board
Purpose: To clarify Kiwanis International authority regarding use of the Kiwanis name and marks as it relates to affiliates and subsidiaries, including intellectual property.
Effective date: October 1, 2016
Vote required to adopt: Two-thirds

KI Board position: The Kiwanis International Board proposes 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.
• Two areas of responsibility not clearly defined in the current bylaws are protection of Kiwanis’ intellectual property; and the use of the Kiwanis name or marks by affiliates and subsidiaries.
• This amendment affirms the existing authority of Kiwanis International to approve the formation and general operations of affiliates and subsidiaries in order for them to use the Kiwanis name and marks. It has no effect on the day-to-day operations of affiliates and subsidiaries, including any Kiwanis foundations.

I-Plan strategy: Ensure financial viability and responsible stewardship.

Financial impact: The financial impact of this amendment is in preventing potential legal costs necessary to protect Kiwanis’s reputation through its brand and image.

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. The property of Kiwanis International under these Bylaws shall include, but is not limited to, Kiwanis International’s intellectual property, in both tangible and intangible forms of expression.

b. To create, supervise, and control clubs, districts, federations, or other groups of clubs and divisions thereof (affiliates). (7/1988)

c. To approve the formation and bylaws of, and documents to be filed with government agencies by, foundations, charitable organizations, or any other legal entities of Kiwanis International (subsidiaries).

d. To determine the appropriate use of Kiwanis International’s intellectual property, including use by affiliates and subsidiaries, and to establish guidelines for such use.
Proposed Amendment 3
Kiwanis International Affiliates and Subsidiaries

Submitted by: Kiwanis International Board
Purpose: To codify Kiwanis International “affiliates,” which are regions or other groups composed of clubs and districts, and “subsidiaries,” which are wholly-owned organizations and business entities.
Effective date: October 1, 2016
Vote required to adopt: Two-thirds

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

• Though Article X has existed since 1988, only one federation has ever been created, in the Europe Region. In the two other regions where a federation structure might be considered (Asia-Pacific and Latin America), the districts and clubs have declined to adopt it.

• This amendment distinguishes the difference between affiliates (such as Kiwanis International-European Federation [KIEF] or Kiwanis Asia-Pacific [ASPAC]) and subsidiaries (such as the Kiwanis International Foundation, Kiwanis Youth Programs, Circle K International, and Kiwanis Canada).

• This amendment allows greater flexibility for the operation of Kiwanis’ sole existing federation (KIEF) and provides new opportunities to organize the structure of Kiwanis business units differently for future growth into new markets.

• This amendment legitimizes the existence of ASPAC, which is not a federation and currently exists outside the bylaws. Legitimization will enable ASPAC to incorporate, officially register with the appropriate government(s), and manage its own financial affairs (including banking).

• The Kiwanis International Board will retain general oversight over affiliates and subsidiaries via ratification of their bylaws and amendments.

• This amendment will allow the board to adjust dues and fees within affiliates for countries and currencies experiencing economic hardship.

• This amendment will clarify the board’s authority to grant licenses or franchises to explore new growth in some parts of the world.

I-Plan strategy: Build, retain, and support a growing Kiwanis membership.

Financial impact: No significant financial impact initially anticipated.
Amend Kiwanis International bylaw provisions as follows:

ARTICLE X. FEDERATIONS AFFILIATES AND SUBSIDIARIES

Section 1. For the purpose of promoting the best interests of Kiwanis, the International Board of Trustees has the authority to create, supervise, and control federations, which shall be composed of districts and their clubs as well as the nondistricted clubs within the boundaries of the federation. The International Board of Trustees shall have the power to establish and change the boundaries of federations in such manner as it may deem best. Prior to any proposed change becoming effective, not less than ninety (90) days’ notice shall be given to the affected federations, districts, and clubs. Within the next thirty (30) days after such notice, a federation, district, or club may submit a written statement of opposition or protest and/or may request that a hearing be held before the Board of Trustees during its meeting at the next annual International convention. If a hearing is requested, the Board shall schedule such hearing and give notice thereof to the affected federations, districts, and clubs. Before any change becomes effective, the Board shall consider all matters presented at the hearing, if held, and all written statements of support or protest. (6/2013)

Section 10. Each federation, through its convention, shall adopt the federation bylaws. Any modification of or amendment to said federation bylaws shall become effective only upon approval thereof by the International Board of Trustees. The new federation bylaws, when approved by the International Board of Trustees, shall replace any bylaws in effect prior thereto. The legal structure and operations of each entity shall be described and defined in its bylaws. Any bylaw provisions adopted or amended shall only be effective upon ratification of the Kiwanis International Board. (7/1988)

Section 2. The officers of a federation shall consist of a president (or an acting president) and such other officers as provided in the federation bylaws. The terms of all officers shall be one year or until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified, with each term beginning on October 1. The election of all officers shall be as provided in the federation bylaws. The sole member of any subsidiary shall be Kiwanis International. If the leadership structure of a subsidiary includes a board, it shall be led by a chairman and shall include at least one member of the Kiwanis International Board or a designee determined by the Kiwanis International Board. (6/2013)

Section 17. All federations, each affiliate and subsidiary must comply with all governmental reporting requirements for finances, taxation, employment and any other areas of operation. Each federation, affiliate and subsidiary shall conduct an annual financial audit performed according to international audit standards and shall report regularly on its financial status, including the annual audit, to the Executive Director and the Kiwanis International Board at such times and including such information as requested by the Board. (6/2012)

Section 4. The Kiwanis International Board may adjust the amount of Kiwanis International dues and/or fees paid by clubs in affiliates according to currency and economic conditions and may authorize collection and payment by such methods appropriate to the nation(s) involved. Adjusted amounts shall not exceed the per member amounts stipulated in Article XXII of these bylaws.

Section 5. The Kiwanis International Board may grant the right to use the Kiwanis name and marks through license or franchise to any legal entities in order to accomplish the Kiwanis mission and may establish appropriate fees and financial structure for such.
Section 3. The board of a federation shall be composed as provided in the federation bylaws. (6/2013)

Section 4. The federation president shall be a member of the International Council and perform such duties as prescribed in these Bylaws and the federation bylaws. (7/1988)

Section 5. The duties of other federation officers and the federation board of trustees shall be as prescribed in the federation bylaws. (7/1988)

Section 6. The board of trustees of each federation shall hold at least two (2) meetings during each year, one (1) prior to October 31, at such time and place as are designated by the federation president, and another in connection with the federation convention, at such time and place as shall be determined by said board of trustees. If the first meeting shall be held prior to October 1, any action taken shall become effective on October 1. Notice of each meeting of the federation board of trustees shall be received by the Executive Director of Kiwanis International at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of such meeting. (7/1998)

Section 7. Each federation shall hold an annual convention in accordance with the bylaws of the federation, unless in any year the International Board of Trustees shall determine that there exists a condition of emergency, and because of such an emergency the holding of such convention would not be practical, in which case the International Board of Trustees by further resolution shall have power to establish and fix provisions and procedures for transacting, by any means deemed best by such International Board of Trustees, any or all business that would normally be transacted by and at such convention. (7/1988)

Section 8. The annual convention of each federation shall be held as provided in the federation bylaws, except that no federation shall schedule its convention to be held within the period of twenty (20) days prior to, during, or twenty (20) days following the annual convention of Kiwanis International, unless the Kiwanis International convention is held within the geographical boundaries of the federation or unless approved by the Kiwanis International Board. Notice of the annual federation convention shall be received by the Executive Director of Kiwanis International at least six (6) months prior to the dates of the convention. (6/2010)

Section 9. Each member club of a federation in good standing with Kiwanis International, with said federation, and with its district shall be entitled in all conventions of its federation to three (3) delegates, one (1) of whom should be the president, said delegates to be selected and to have such powers as are prescribed in the federation bylaws. All federation officers, past presidents of the federation, and past district governors of districts in the federation shall be delegates-at-large to the federation convention. (7/1998)

(Existing Section 10 is becoming new Section 1, as shown above.)

Section 11. Within thirty (30) days after the close of a convention, a meeting of the board of trustees, or a conference of the officers of a federation, the federation secretary shall send to the Executive Director of Kiwanis International a written report of the proceedings, approved by the federation president. This report shall summarize the proceedings, provide a synopsis of all actions taken, and include copies of all adopted federation bylaw amendments, resolutions, and recommendations. (7/1998)

Section 12. Official delegates of a newly organized club within the geographical boundaries of the federation shall be granted full privileges at federation conventions.
after the charter has been approved by the Board of Trustees of Kiwanis International, even if it has not been formally presented to such club. (6/1989)

Section 13. Each district and each nondistricted club within the territorial limits of a Kiwanis federation shall be a member of said federation and such district or club must comply with the federation bylaws. (6/2013)

Section 14. Federations may incorporate in the same manner and upon the same conditions provided for clubs. (7/1988)

Section 15. The administrative and fiscal year of a federation shall begin on October 1 of each year. (7/1988)

Section 16. The board of trustees of the federation, if practicable, may assign an official representative to attend the district convention of the districts within the federation. (6/1989)

(Existing Section 17 is becoming new Section 3, as shown above.)

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, and the chairs of any Kiwanis International affiliates. In case any district governor cannot be present at a meeting of said Council, the district board may designate another district officer to attend as a replacement with like powers and privileges.
Submitted by: Kiwanis International Board
Purpose: To align districts with Kiwanis International’s strategic plan and provide better oversight over district funds, assets, and financial operations.

Effective date: October 1, 2017. Districts would adopt these changes in their bylaws at their 2017 conventions, with their first treasurer appointed under this system for the 2017-18 administrative year.

Vote required to adopt: Majority

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

• With the increasing complexity of financial management and governmental reporting, as well as the enhanced focus on fiduciary management, performance and transparency of not-for-profit organizations, the treasurer position should be elevated in terms of responsibility as the chief financial officer of the district.

• As part of the district leadership team ensuring proper financial management of all district assets, the treasurer should possess the professional knowledge and experiential background to properly oversee all financial resources and provide adequate financial planning for the district’s future. Some districts have funds and assets totaling several millions of dollars.

• Separating the position of treasurer from secretary and providing a multi-year term will also strengthen the role. The amendment’s delayed effective date allows districts that currently combine secretary and treasurer time to separate the two offices and find qualified candidates.

• Districts are more likely to get qualified candidates for treasurer via appointment rather than election. Appointment allows a more focused selection process.

I-Plan strategy: Ensure financial viability and responsible stewardship.

Financial impact: There is no significant financial impact to Kiwanis International from this proposal. Some districts may have some financial impact due to having to separate the offices of secretary and treasurer.

Amend Kiwanis International bylaw provisions as follows:

ARTICLE IX. DISTRICTS

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

a. The district governor, governor-elect, and vice-governor (if any) shall be elected at the annual district convention. (6/2010)

b. The lieutenant governors and trustees (if any) shall be elected by club delegates from their divisions or regions, respectively, at a meeting called expressly for this purpose, to be held not later than the annual district convention. (7/2014)
c. The district treasurer shall be appointed by the district board after nomination of qualified candidates by a selection committee.

d. The district secretary and district treasurer may be either elected or appointed. (6/2010)

e. The secretary and the treasurer may be the same person, but no other district offices shall be combined in one (1) person. (6/2010)

Section 7. Officer terms shall be generally as follows, as specifically provided in the district bylaws, or until said officer’s successor shall be duly elected and qualified. The terms of all district officers shall begin on October 1. (6/2010)

a. Each lieutenant governor shall serve for a term of up to two (2) years. (7/2014)

b. Each district trustee shall serve for a term of up to three (3) years. (7/2014)

c. The district treasurer shall serve a multi-year term of two (2) years or more.

d. All other officers shall serve a term of one (1) year, unless otherwise specified in the district bylaws. (7/2014)
Proposed Amendment 5
Annual Adjustment Option for Kiwanis International Dues

Submitted by: Kiwanis International Board
Purpose: To provide that Kiwanis International dues may be adjusted by no more than US$2 annually, with a cap of US$5 over a five-year period, to keep up with inflation.

Effective date: October 1, 2016, through September 30, 2021. A new amendment would have to be adopted at the 2021 House of Delegates to extend this option beyond September 30, 2021.

Vote required to adopt: Two-thirds

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. Kiwanis carefully and proactively stewards a budget to provide the best possible tools and resources.

• 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, the long-term solution is to allow the board to adjust dues within certain limits in small amounts to keep up with inflation. Any dues adjustment will be appropriate to the financial environment, up to no more than US$5 over a five-year period.

• This amendment lets Kiwanis prioritize and focus where we should: on supporting the success and strength that clubs, divisions and districts need to thrive. It also allows Kiwanis International to remain nimble and flexible to address positive and negative issues in the financial environment.

• Approving an annual dues adjustment option 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.

• As noted under “Effective date,” this amendment is valid for a limited period of five years. Delegates will have the opportunity to evaluate implementation before extending the provision for a longer period.

I-Plan strategy: Ensure financial viability and responsible stewardship.

Financial impact: This proposal would not incur costs to implement. The financial impact is in allowing Kiwanis International to stay current with inflation costs without the need for major dues increases every few years.
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 annual dues to Kiwanis International for each member, with the exception of those holding life member status, the sum of fifty-two dollars (US$52.00) per annum. The dues amount may be adjusted by no more than US$2 annually through the 2020-21 administrative year by 2/3 majority vote of the entire Kiwanis International Board of Trustees, provided that dues shall not be increased more than a total of US$5 through 2020-21. Such sum Dues shall be based on each club’s annual membership report as of September 30 of each year, and They shall be due annually on October 1 and payable by November 30. (6/2015)

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$52.00 100 percent of the annual dues amount. (6/2015)
- Tier B: Countries with per capita income of US$5,000 to US$9,999 shall pay US$34.00 65 percent of the annual dues amount. (6/2015)
- Tier C: Countries with per capita income of US$4,999 or less shall pay US$23.00 44 percent of the annual dues amount. (6/2015)
Proposed Amendment 6
Secure Web-Based Voting for Kiwanis International Business

Submitted by: Capital District Board
Purpose: To provide that the business of Kiwanis International decided by delegates may be conducted by secure electronic voting, thereby giving an equal voice to all Kiwanis clubs.
Effective date: October 1, 2016
Vote required to adopt: Two-thirds

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

- During the past seven Kiwanis 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 Kiwanis International convention could be re-focused on education, motivation and fellowship—the core reasons our members attend.

KI Board position: The Kiwanis International Board does not support this amendment for the following reasons:

- The board considers it preferable to maintain the element of live, simultaneous debate for the amendments process and the opportunity to hear candidates speak live rather than recorded. Those voting remotely may have less true knowledge of proposals than they would when voting live during the House of Delegates and thus hearing the information that comes forward during debate.
- This proposal could cause a decrease in attendance at the annual Kiwanis International convention.
- Because 70 percent of Kiwanis clubs exist in North America, it could give candidates from North America an unfair advantage in Kiwanis International officer elections (Vice-President, President-elect, and President), unintentionally disenfranchising Kiwanis clubs outside of North America.
- This proposal could remove the ability of delegates to amend proposed amendments.
- Implementation within just one year is considered impractical, due to the necessity of fully orienting clubs and members first.

Financial impact: Implementing secure, Web-based balloting for elections, amendments and resolutions could save the organization an estimated 50 percent in direct costs (US$18,000–$20,000), but the additional costs necessary for building new Web-based resources and processes are unknown.
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 members as past lieutenant governors or past district secretaries shall be certified by the district governor or district secretary. (6/2015)

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**

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 and entitled to one (1) vote each. (6/2015)

**Section 5**

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 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. (6/2015)

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. 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. 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)
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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 member must have served two (2) years as Trustee. (6/2015)

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
Tiered Dues

Submitted by: Kiwanis Club of Avelgem–Land van Streuvels, Belgium
Purpose: To base tiered dues on a percentage of the gross national income of the U.S.
Effective date: October 1, 2016
Vote required to adopt: Two-thirds

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

• The income per capita differs globally in such proportions that an adjustment of the Kiwanis International annual dues may help expand membership.

• The gross national income (GNI) per capita for the U.S. in 2003 was 39,910 and evolved in 2013 up to 53,750. Fixed criteria, which have not changed since 2003, may be considered unjust.

• It may be better to have a tiered dues system based on a percentage of the GNI of the U.S.

• Example: In 2013, GNI per capita of the U.S. was US$53,750.
  50 percent: US$26,875 (instead of US$10,000)
  25 percent: US$13,437 (instead of US$5,000)
  This calculation would vary each year with the U.S. GNI.

KI Board position: The Kiwanis International Board does not support this amendment for the following reasons:

• In attempting to solve one concern, this proposal simply causes another. Fluctuation of the value of the U.S. dollar against other currencies would cause not an incremental change, but a major change, in club dues in some nations. When nations do change tiers, it will be a major change, with club dues going up significantly.

• Our peer organizations, such as Lions and Rotary, do not have a tiered dues structure and their membership has grown internationally. In fact, most of their membership is outside of the U.S. The board does not believe a percentage-based tiered dues methodology will grow Kiwanis membership.

• The extreme loss of dues income (see Financial impact) would harm the organization during this critical membership period of The Formula, resulting in the need for additional dues increases in the future.

• This change could result in erratic fluctuations from year to year because nations could be reclassified in a lower tier simply because the GNI for the U.S. grew at a faster pace than other nations’ GNI. Simply put, Kiwanis would be lowering dues for a nation—not because of hardship or economic crisis, but simply because that nation did not grow at the same pace as the U.S.
**Financial impact:** A nation-by-nation analysis of the financial ramifications of this proposal found that it will result in reduced revenue of $443,000 per year (4.1 percent). This is because many nations that would otherwise be Tier A or B would become Tier B or C under this proposal.

**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 fifty-two dollars (US$52.00) 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.

**Section 2.** The Board of Trustees shall adjust annually the dues from the clubs in any country where the Gross National Income (GNI) per capita is less than ten thousand dollars (US$10,000) as reported by the World Bank, is less than 50 % (fifty percent) of the GNI per capita of the U.S. The schedule for payment shall be as follows:

- Tier A: Countries with GNI per capita income US$10,000 of 50% or more pay US$52.00.
- Tier B: Countries with GNI per capita income US$5,000 to US$9,999 between 25% and 49% pay US$34.00.
- Tier C: Countries with GNI per capita income US$4,999 or less of less than 25% shall pay US$23.00.
Proposed Amendment 8
Members Who Belong to More Than One Club

Submitted by: Kiwanis Club of Lentia, Austria
Purpose: To provide that members who belong to more than one Kiwanis club shall only pay Kiwanis International and district dues to their primary club.
Effective date: October 1, 2016
Vote required to adopt: Two-thirds

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

• Every Kiwanis member has only one personal number with Kiwanis International, even if he/she belongs to more than one club.

• If a person is a member in more than one club, he/she works two or more times as much for Kiwanis.

• It is against democratic rules to pay the mandatory dues and fees to Kiwanis International and the European Federation more than one time.

• Kiwanis should be happy to have such members working hard for Kiwanis and should change the bylaws to not charge International and district dues to people when they are members in more than one club.

KI Board position: The Kiwanis International Board does not support this amendment for the following reasons:

• This proposal might seem to increase the total number of members in Kiwanis because multi-club members would be counted as unique individuals in each club. However, the board does not believe this change would significantly increase unique new members.

• A key component of Kiwanis’ strategic plan, the I-Plan, is to simplify the business structure and processes related to organizational dues. This amendment would instead make it more complicated, creating additional complexity not only for Kiwanis International but for club secretaries when adding new members and updating club rosters online.

• This system would be open to abuse by clubs. For instance, if two clubs each had 10 members who all agree to be members of both clubs, that could potentially qualify both clubs for awards or recognition for having 20 members without having actually earned the awards or recognition.

Financial impact: As of September 30, 2014, Kiwanis had 1,161 members who belonged to at least one other club. At $52 each, that would be lost revenue of at least $60,372 per year. There are also financial ramifications for the districts, which would also receive less income in district dues.
Amend Kiwanis International bylaw provisions as follows:

ARTICLE VIII. CLUB MEMBERS

Section 4. Members Who Belong to More Than One Club

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

b. Members who belong to more than one (1) club (6/2000)

   (1) Must designate which club is their primary club. Life member status eligibility shall only be based on the member’s primary club.

   (2) Shall pay to each club all mandatory dues and fees.

   (3) Shall pay to the member’s primary club all mandatory dues and fees to the district and federation (if applicable), and to Kiwanis International, including subscription to the official publication.

   (4) May hold any type of membership offered by the respective clubs. (6/2012)

   (5) May represent only one club for voting purposes at district or International functions.

ARTICLE XXII. REVENUE

Section 1. Subject to Sections 2 and 3–4 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 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) (See also Interpretations.)

Section 3. If a club member belongs to more than one Kiwanis club, a club shall not be obligated to pay International, district, or federation dues for any such member who has not designated that club as his/her primary club. However, if the member’s additional club(s) is in a different district(s) from his/her primary club, each club shall pay district dues for such member.

(Sections 3–6 will be renumbered as Sections 4–7.)

ARTICLE XXI. OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS

Section 4. Each club in the United States and Canada, excluding the French-speaking clubs in Canada, shall make it a condition of membership that each member shall be a subscriber to the official publications of Kiwanis International and shall continue as such while a member. However: (a) if spouses are both members of a club, one spouse may choose not to subscribe; or (b) if a member belongs to more than one Kiwanis club, then this provision shall apply only to the member’s designated primary club. (6/2012)

Section 6. Each club in the United States and Canada, excluding the French-speaking clubs in Canada, shall collect from each of its members as noted in Section 4 the subscription price of the official publications together with the regular club membership dues. Such subscription shall be duly entered upon the books of the club in a special subscription account, and the subscriptions for official publications shall be forwarded to the Executive Director of Kiwanis International. However, clubs shall not collect the subscription price from both spouses who are members of a club if one spouse has chosen not to subscribe. (6/2012) (See also Interpretations.)
Proposed Amendment 9
Life Membership Status Fee

Submitted by: Kiwanis Club of Council Grove, Kansas
Purpose: To provide a variable life membership status fee based on the member’s age.
Effective date: October 1, 2016
Vote required to adopt: Majority

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

- The current life membership cost may be prohibitive for members of a retirement age on a fixed income.
- Kiwanis clubs may decide to award more life memberships if the cost was lower.
- More Kiwanians may purchase life memberships if the cost was lower, perhaps remaining in Kiwanis longer.
- The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and American Legion have graduated life membership fees.

KI Board position: The Kiwanis International Board does not support this amendment for the following reasons:

- As of September 30, 2014, Kiwanis had approximately 4,014 life members. Since 2000, Kiwanis has added an average of 170 new life members per year.
- The board believes it is doubtful that this amendment would lead to a significant increase in life members. New life members would have to nearly double—from 170 to 332 per year—to make up for the annual revenue lost by the reduced fees. But since many of those would fall under the further-reduced rates for older members, life memberships would actually have to increase much more than that.
- While the VFW and American Legion do have graduated life membership fees, these are not peer organizations. Rotary has no life membership option; Lions’ fee is one amount, not graduated; and Optimist’s fee, like Kiwanis’ fee, is based on annual dues.
- Because life membership would no longer be based on annual dues, this amendment means an increase for some members in Tier C clubs, depending on their age.
- A key component of Kiwanis’ strategic plan, the I-Plan, is to simplify the business structure and processes related to organizational dues.

Financial impact: Because this proposal cuts the base rate for life memberships in half, then reduces it even further from there, Kiwanis would lose $380–$530 on each life membership, for an overall annual loss of at least $64,600 (based on the current average of 170 new life members per year). This does not take into account the lesser amount paid by those in higher age brackets, which further reduces the revenue, nor lost revenue when Kiwanis eventually may need to increase dues in the future, since life memberships would no longer be directly related to the dues amount.
**Amend** Kiwanis International bylaw provisions as follows:

**ARTICLE VIII. CLUB MEMBERS**

**Section 6.** Life Member Status

a. Any 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 $400.00 for a Kiwanian at age 21 and graduated down every ten (10) years to a person 80 years old who would pay a lifetime membership of $250.00. (6/2015)
Proposed Amendment 10
Foundation, Charitable Funds and Other Affiliated Entities

Submitted by: Kiwanis Club of Northwest Columbus, Ohio
Purpose: To clarify Kiwanis International’s authority regarding foundations and affiliated entities.
Effective date: Immediately
Vote required to adopt: Two-thirds

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 protect the Kiwanis brand, both externally and internally.
- One area of responsibility currently not clearly defined is use of the Kiwanis name or marks by foundations or other affiliated entities, such as Kiwanis Youth Programs Inc., the umbrella corporation for Service Leadership Programs.
- This amendment affirms Kiwanis International’s authority to approve the formation of foundations, charitable funds, or other affiliates, in order for them to use the Kiwanis name and marks.
- It also provides assurances to donors that the intent of their gift is honored.

KI Board position: The Kiwanis International Board does not support this amendment for the following reason:

- The board instead advocates Amendment 2, which is similar to this one but which was drafted based on the advice of legal counsel. Amendment 2 also includes: clear protection for Kiwanis’ intellectual property; broad oversight over subsequent revisions to governing documents made after the original formation; and better language regarding determining use.

Financial impact: No significant financial impact.

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.

d. To establish guidelines for the use of the Kiwanis name, marks, logos and branding.
Proposed Amendment 11
Delegate Verification Process for Electronic Balloting

Submitted by: Kiwanis Club of I-Next, Ohio
Purpose: To add specific processes to the bylaws regarding electronic balloting at the International convention.
Effective date: October 1, 2016
Vote required to adopt: Majority

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

• The use of electronic voting has significantly increased voting efficiency in the House of Delegates and better informs delegates on vote outcomes. However, some changes may improve the integrity of the voting process while avoiding possible misunderstandings and the appearance of a problem.

• By providing the number of actual delegates in the House and making the other proposed changes, the officers of Kiwanis International, the Elections Committee and the House of Delegates may be in a better position to evaluate votes, see potential issues, correct any real issues and explain misunderstandings.

KI Board position: The Kiwanis International Board does not support this amendment for the following reasons:

• Kiwanis’ parliamentary authority, Robert’s Rules of Order, provides that, if a body approves electronic voting, the presumption is that the system is working.

• By following professional practices related to electronic voting, Kiwanis is already doing many of the things suggested in this amendment, without bylaw provisions, and will continue to do so.

• As of the 2016 convention, the Credentials Chair will report not only the number of delegates registered for the convention, but the number of delegates actually present in the House. The proceedings from some past conventions where both numbers were reported reflect a difference of 1,000-1,500 between the two counts.

• Delegates are allowed to leave the House while in session and to abstain on most votes. Kiwanis can’t force delegates to pay attention or to press buttons, even for test votes. Under this proposal, a small minority of inattentive or unwilling delegates could effectively shut-down the electronic balloting process each year.

• If only three people out of 100 would not comply with this proposed process, there would be serious challenges to proceeding with voting at all, perhaps necessitating paper ballots as a back-up plan, incurring additional expense and requiring additional volunteers.

• This level of administrative detail is not appropriate for the bylaws. If this amendment is adopted and these details later need to be changed, it would take House approval to do so—even though those changes may need to be implemented prior to the House voting on such changes. Whatever codification is necessary should be done as part of Kiwanis International procedures, not the bylaws.
Financial impact: 1) Kiwanis International would always have to be prepared to use an alternate form of voting, such as paper ballots, incurring additional costs and requiring additional volunteers. 2) The only way to ‘validate’ the proposed system is to stop the House while the raw data on each vote is checked by hand, which would necessitate timing overruns in the House and/or the need to hold an additional unanticipated House session, also incurring additional costs.

Amend Kiwanis International bylaw provisions as follows:

ARTICLE XVIII. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 2. The Committee on Elections shall have general charge of the election, including the distribution and tabulation of the ballots. (6/1989) Prior to any vote taken for elections or amendments in the House of Delegates the elections committee shall validate that:

a. All eligible voters have turned in a signed elections card in order to receive a ballot or electronic voting device.

b. The number of election cards equals the number of ballots or electronic voting devices in the House and report that figure to the House of Delegates.

c. If electronic devices are used, tests were performed to insure that votes cast in all areas of the House will register.

d. If electronic devices are used to vote there will be a sample vote taken prior to both election and amendment vote casting to validate the number of eligible voters in the House:
   1. This number must equal at least 98% of the number of signed election cards in the House.
   2. Failing this number, additional sample votes will be conducted until the votes cast equals at least 98% of the number of signed election cards in the House.

e. The elections committee will validate and have announced from the chair the number of ballots cast for each election and amendment, and, in all votes except elections, will validate and have announced from the chair the number cast for and the number cast against each amendment, resolution, etc.