ADMINISTRATIVE RESOLUTION
Online Voting for Kiwanis International Business

The following administrative resolution is submitted by the Kiwanis International Board of Trustees. A majority vote is required to adopt it. If adopted, it will be effective immediately, directing the Board to move forward as stated in the Resolved clauses.

WHEREAS: All Kiwanis clubs are members of Kiwanis International, charged with voting on the election of Kiwanis International Board members, amending the Kiwanis International Bylaws, and considering proposed resolutions on other matters.

WHEREAS: Only those clubs that send delegates to the Kiwanis International Convention have the opportunity to vote on these matters. Though Kiwanis International has approximately 7,500 clubs worldwide, only about 20 percent of clubs send delegates to the convention. Online voting would allow a greater number of clubs to participate, providing an equal voice for all clubs.

WHEREAS: Proper electronic voting methods would allow all Kiwanis clubs from all areas of the world to vote on business matters, thereby making the voting process more inclusive, better reflecting the diversity of our organization, and significantly reducing costs. It would also allow the programming of the Kiwanis International convention to be repurposed to focus on other areas of interest to members.

WHEREAS: The technology exists that would allow secure and reliable online voting by clubs via secret ballot.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Delegates of the 99th annual Kiwanis International convention in Tokyo-Chiba, Japan, on July 18, 2014, directs the Kiwanis International Board of Trustees to investigate the option of allowing all clubs worldwide to vote electronically to elect Kiwanis International Board members, to amend the Kiwanis International Bylaws, and to consider proposed resolutions. Such plan will include the necessary technology, an appropriate process and timetable, and steps to educate clubs and club members.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kiwanis International Board is directed to present its report to the House of Delegates at the 100th annual Kiwanis International convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 2015.