News

Council adopts bylaws amendments

At a meeting of the Kiwanis International Council this past January 12-14, members adopted 12 amendments:
Add a statement that clubs must comply with all applicable laws and regulations of local jurisdiction.

- Eliminate current provisions and restrictions regarding cancellation of club meetings, allowing greater flexibility in rescheduling club meetings.
- Eliminate the requirement that clubs must have at least one vice president.
- Eliminate the many specific details related to admission of new members, allowing greater flexibility for clubs to set their own process.
- Reduce the required minimum number of club directors from five to three.
- Expand the time frame for clubs to hold annual elections of new officers, allowing greater flexibility.
- Remove the reference to ‘petitions’ in forming new clubs, because petitions are no longer used by Kiwanis International, and remove district approval for new clubs.
- Eliminate the requirement that districts must approve club use of lotteries, raffles and other games of chance.
- Clarify that clubs must report all club delegates and alternates for the Kiwanis International convention 60 days prior to convention, not just those who do not belong to their club.
- Update provisions related to the Kiwanis International board election process, now that electronic voting is used.
- Provide that the host district of a Kiwanis International convention may hold its own convention in conjunction with the Kiwanis International convention.
- Remove administrative details from the bylaws which are more appropriate for procedures.

Amendments adopted by council will become permanent unless rescinded at the 2012 Kiwanis International convention in New Orleans. The deadline to propose rescissions is February 15, 2012.

Council also endorsed several other proposed amendments, recommending them for adoption later this year by the House of Delegates at the 2012 Kiwanis International convention. Two other proposals were referred back to the Kiwanis International Board for further consideration.

Kiwanis stories

When did it happen?

Can you guess when these service projects were conducted by Kiwanis clubs?

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The Kiwanis Club of Panamá City, Panama, sponsored the grand opening of a movie theater to raise funds for the purchase of audio-transistorized speech and hearing equipment for deaf-mute children.

These stories were taken from the pages of past Kiwanis magazines.

The Eliminate Project

Honor a mother

Although it’s only February, it’s never too early to start thinking about International Women’s Day or Mother’s Day gifts. The Eliminate Project has crafted a special edition Mother’s Day Zeller medallion to honor mothers worldwide.

For a limited time leading up to Mother’s Day or International Women’s Day, you can donate US$1,250 to The Eliminate Project and receive a dedicated Mother’s Day Zeller medallion to honor the special women in your life. Your donation honors mothers everywhere by keeping families whole through our global campaign to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus.

For more information, visit www.TheEliminateProject.org

The Eliminate Project

Model Club mania is spreading

Since the start of The Eliminate Project campaign less than a year ago, Model Clubs and 100K Clubs have pledged more than US$2,460,000 to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus. In just the last month, 18 clubs have made the commitment to give a per-member average of US$750 to The Eliminate Project. While many districts across the world have secured Model or 100K Clubs, there are a few districts going above and beyond to achieve an impressive number of Model or 100K Clubs. These districts have a minimum of 5 Model or 100K Clubs per district, which are:

- Australia District at 8 Model Clubs and 0 100K Clubs
- New Zealand-South Pacific at 5 Model Clubs and 0 100K Clubs
- Carolinas District at 6 Model Clubs and 0 100K Clubs
- Ohio District at 4 Model Clubs and 1 100K Club
- Southwest District at 5 Model Clubs and 0 100K Clubs
- Western Canada at 6 Model Clubs and 0 100K Clubs
- Nebraska-Iowa at 3 Model Clubs and 2 100K Clubs
Do you want to see your district on our leader board? Inspire your club to become a Model Club by committing to give a per-member average of US$750. The campaign office has just the right resources for you and your club to plan how to reach this goal.

The Eliminate Project
Division coordinator orientations

During the month of January, Eliminate Project campaign multi-division coordinators were hard at work training more than 900 division coordinators. There are now more than 1,100 campaign leaders worldwide eager and enthusiastic to raise US$110 million for The Eliminate Project. Division coordinators will now identify and train club chairman coordinators. By the time Kiwanis members gather for the 2012 convention in New Orleans, the campaign team will be 9,000 leaders strong. Are you interested in taking a leadership role in your club for The Eliminate Project?

Find out how you can get involved. The campaign team needs you!

One Day
A day to remember

Make sure your district or nation is recognized on Kiwanis One Day, April 21. Here's how:

- Enter the Kiwanis One Day contest at www.KiwanisOne.org/oneday for a chance to have your story covered by Kiwanis magazine or recorded for a professional video. The deadline for submissions is March 15.
- Submit a story and photos of your Kiwanis One Day service efforts to shareyourstory@kiwanis.org by May 1. Reports will appear on the One Day map; so, photos are needed from the Pacific, Asia, Europe, Caribbean and North, Central and South America.

Kiwanis magazine
The hidden hungry

Traditionally, the hunger fight focuses on children in developing countries or economically destitute people living in developed nations. While those groups need attention, another vulnerable group is experiencing food insecurity at an alarming rate, even as they live in the world's richest countries: seniors.

Read or download the February 2012 Kiwanis magazine.
Kiwanis International Foundation

An award with honor

The Kiwanis International Foundation's Table of Honor pays tribute to or memorializes Kiwanis leaders, spouses and friends on special occasions, anniversaries or upon death.

The award can be used to pay tribute to an individual, couple, club, company or organization. Honorees (or their family members) receive a plaque signifying that a gift of at least US$2000 was made in their name, as well as a tie tack or lapel pin and pocket crest. These gifts are used to support the Kiwanis Children's Fund unless otherwise indicated by the donor.

Convention update

Rave reviews

Great, fabulous and amazing. These are some of the words Kiwanians have used to describe their experiences at past international conventions:

- "I felt the Geneva Convention was professionally planned and orchestrated, in a great part of the world and well executed."

- "I had a fabulous time in Geneva and especially loved the guest speakers, Jane Goodall and Jamie Lee Curtis."

- "It was amazing to meet a gentleman from New Caledonia. To actually meet a fellow Kiwanian from the other end of the earth! (Everyone) brought together for the same goal: to serve the children."

Register today to experience the great, fabulous and amazing Kiwanis convention in New Orleans, June 28-July 1.

Early deadline extended

Early-bird registration for the 97th Annual Kiwanis International Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA, has been extended until March 20.

Don't wait. Register today and secure your spot in any of the great ticketed events offered during convention.

The convention runs June 28 to July 1, 2012.

Member tools

Put Kiwanis in your hand

Smartphones are everywhere! If you have one, chances are it is within arms’ reach right now. With such a powerful tool available to members, Kiwanis announces the launch of its mobile application. The app is free to download. Search for "Kiwanis" to find it in the Apple App Store or the Android
Marketplace.

Some of the initial features include:

- Club locator
- Donation tools and fundraising tracker
- Service activity tracker
- Member invitation tool

Member tools

Facts of Kiwanis

The next time someone asks about the number of Kiwanis members, you'll know. Whenever someone needs to know how many countries and geographic areas have Kiwanis clubs, you'll know. And when someone wonders, "What is Kiwanis," you'll know all the details. That's because you'll be ready with Kiwanis information and statistics, now online in eight languages.

Member tools

Dates to remember

**February through June:** Check the webinar calendar for upcoming educational opportunities

**February 15:** Deadline to propose Kiwanis International Bylaws amendments

**February 15:** Filing deadline for IRS Form 990 (U.S. clubs only)

**March 15:** Deadline for submitting entries for Kiwanis One Day contest

**March 20:** Early registration deadline for the 2012 Kiwanis International Convention

**April 21:** Kiwanis One Day

**June 8–9:** Kiwanis International-European Federation Convention, Bergen, Norway

**June 28–July 1:** 97th Annual Kiwanis International Convention, New Orleans, Louisiana, U.S.

**March 15–17:** Kiwanis Asia-Pacific Convention, Colombo City, Sri Lanka (Chinese / English)