103. Committee on Realignment

103.1 Function

To study the boundaries and sizes of the divisions and regions which make up the California-Nevada-Hawaii District and recommend to the Board of Trustees any necessary changes in boundaries, which will create new or realigned divisions or regions so as to conform to the Bylaws and Policies of the Cal-Nev-Ha District. Geographical factors and number of members should be taken into consideration. (3/08)

103.2 Composition

The Realignment Committee shall be composed of from ten to sixteen members including the Governor, Governor-elect and the District Secretary. Of the remaining members, no less than four members shall have served on the Realignment Committee within the last two years and one must be a Trustee. The Governor-elect shall make the selection of the chair from the current committee. (3/08)

103.3 Term and Appointment

The Realignment Committee shall be appointed by the Governor-elect for one year term beginning on the following October 1.

103.4 Meetings

The Realignment Committee shall function during the entire year and will meet within the first quarter of the Kiwanis year at such time and place as the Chair of the committee may designate, with a minimum of one (1) meeting per administrative year.

103.5 Proposals

Prior to submitting a change or realignment of divisions or regions in the District to the Board of Trustees, the Committee on Realignment shall study and consider the following factors: (3/08)

A. The number of clubs in each division or divisions in each region and its membership resulting from the proposed realignment. However, the minimum number of Kiwanis clubs a division shall be nine or the minimum membership shall be 250. (3/08)

B. Relative strength or weakness of each club or division resulting from the proposed alignment. (3/08) This should be accomplished by consulting with the Lieutenant Governors and Division leaders in the affect divisions or clubs.

C. Past participation of each club or division in proposed realignment in division, District and International functions. (3/08) Requests from Divisions to be realigned due an increase/decrease clubs and/or membership. D. Past participation of each club in division leadership or each division in regional leadership. (3/08) The impact realignment will have on one or more Region(s).

103.6 Preference for Realignments

To retain a reasonable number of divisions and regions in the District, and to minimize the financial cost incurred by the District for each division and region that exists, preference will be given to the realignment of clubs within existing divisions rather than creating a new division or region. (3/08)

Should there be a break in the numerical order of divisions or regions in the Cal-Nev-Ha District and a new division or region is created, then the new division or region shall be assigned the lowest division or region number not presently used in the numerical structure. (3/08)

103.7 Effective Dates of Changes for Realignment of Divisions or Regions

A. Any change which creates a new division or region, or realignment of clubs or divisions with existing divisions or regions shall become effective as set forth by the Board of Trustees, but no sooner than the October 1st following the approval of such realignment. (3/08)

B. After the approval of a new division, the Office of Lieutenant Governor-elect shall be filled for the next administrative year. Such election shall be in accordance with the Bylaws, Article XIII, and the election shall be by the representatives of the clubs in the new division. Similarly, the representatives of the clubs in the division to be retained shall elect their Lieutenant Governor-elect. The chair for such conference shall be the Immediate Past Lieutenant Governor who is a member of one of the clubs in the new division to be retained.

C. After the approval of a new region, the Office of Trustee from said region shall be filled for the next administrative year. Such election shall be in accordance with the Bylaws, Article XI, and the election shall be by the representatives of the clubs in the new region. The chair for such conference shall be elected by the current Lieutenant Governors of the region. (3/08)

103.8 Cause for Dissolution and Realignment (1/00)

- A. Any time the membership of a division falls below nine (9) clubs and less than two hundred and fifty (250) members, it shall be considered cause for dissolving and realigning that division.
 - 1. Due to geographical isolation, some Divisions may be exempt from this policy unless they become in the opinion of the committee too large or too small to continue as a single division. A list of these Division shall be kept by the District office and reviewed by this committee once a year.

B. At the direction District of the Board of Trustee, when a division does not meet the minimum membership requirements as provided in subsection A above, the Realignment Committee shall cause a notice to that effect to be sent to the Governor with a copy to the current Lieutenant Governor of that division. Such notice shall contain a provision advising said division has been placed in a probationary status for a period of six (6) months, commencing with the date of the notice. At the end of the said six (6) months, if the membership of said division has not been brought either to nine (9) clubs or two hundred and fifty (250) members, the committee shall recommend to the District Board of Trustees a realignment plan for said division.

C. If at any time during the administrative year a region does not have a Trustee or Trustee-designate, the region, it may be considered cause for dissolving or realigning that region. (3/08)

D. If at any time during the administrative year a division does not have a Lieutenant Governor or Lieutenant Governor-elect, the division, it may be considered cause for dissolving or realigning that division.

E. If in any year, a division does not have a Lieutenant Governor, that division will be subject to realignment regardless of the number clubs or size of membership.

103.9 Division Geography and Realignment (2/07)

A. If a club can be serviced better by a neighboring division than the one the club is in currently due to geographic constraints; the Realignment Committee may consider moving the club to a neighboring division.

B. When a division is being considered for realignment, the Realignment Committee should consider local geography and may elect to not realign a division if the geographic considerations warrant no action.

Geographical factors include:

- 1. Physical barriers (mountains, oceans, desserts, etc.)
- 2. Extreme distances between clubs
- 3. Urban congestion which would make it difficult for a Lieutenant Governor to complete his/her duties.