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## California-Nevada-Hawaii District

### ***Bylaws & Policies Committee – Agenda July 19, 2022***

1. Call to order Steve Geraci
2. Roll call
3. Adoption of the Agenda
  - a. You may make a motion to add an item to the agenda at this time
4. Approval of minutes from last meeting Steve Geraci
5. Old business
  - a. Campaign Policy Laird Smith
    - Proposed policy changes (attached)
  - b. District Policy Review
    - Section 125 Convention Site Selection Valarie Brown-Klingelhofer
    - Section 270 and 271 Mark McDonald
    - Section 700 SLP Valarie Brown-Klingelhofer
6. New Business
  - a. Referral from the Board
    - Section 300 – Conduct Unbecoming
    - Board did not approve
    - Committee Proposal (attached)
  - b. Key Club District Policy Manual changes Timothy Cunning
  - c. Key Club District Bylaws changes Timothy Cunning
7. Adjourn Steve Geraci



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## Bylaws & Policies Committee Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2022

Committee members present on the Zoom Meeting: Replacement Chairperson for this meeting, Doug Frost. Mark McDonald, Secretary. Bob Prior, Pat Liddell, Laird Smith, Brad Enos, Michelle Hock Lance Hafenstein & Joni Ackerman.

A Quorum was present.

Three trustees and Tricia Hart, Executive Assistant were also present.

Doug Frost called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Michelle Hock made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Second by Laird Smith. Motion passed.

Campaign policy, Laird Smith gave an update on the three areas he is responsible for and advised they will meet and come up with a written policy.

Policy 125, 270, 271 and 700 are not ready for presentation at this meeting.

Policy 225.6 C. to add subsection 4, item two in the language provided by Doug Frost. Motion made Mark McDonald Second by Brad Enos. Motion passed.

Prorated dues revision to be submitted to the House of Delegates

Michelle Hock made a motion to recommend to the Board of Trustees approval to the House of Delegates the revision requested by Kiwanis International. Second by Pat Liddell. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Mark W. McDonald,  
District Secretary

CAMPAIGN POLICIES AND CONDUCT  
FOR DISTRICT OFFICE OTHER THAN DISTRICT TRUSTEES

191. Campaign Policies for District Office other than District Trustees (Section 501) (02/09)

Candidates will conform to the following ethical values; Honesty, Trustworthiness, Integrity, Good Character, Fairness, Caring and Respect. Candidates shall at all times conduct themselves and their campaigns in accordance with the basic rules of ethical conduct so as to uphold the good name of Kiwanis.

~~The following~~ These policies shall be followed in campaigning for offices other than Trustee in the California-Nevada-Hawaii District of Kiwanis International. They are established to ~~give an equal opportunity to function within good practice and to~~ provide candidates the means for presenting their qualifications and getting personally acquainted with as many Kiwanians as possible. (3/08)

191.1 Announcement and Publicity

- A. Candidates, with the exception of candidates for the office of Lieutenant Governor, shall announce their candidacy in writing on or after October 1<sup>st</sup> of the administrative year during which the election will take place. This official notification of candidacy shall be in the form of a letter of intent delivered to the District Secretary/Executive Director by the candidate. Notification of the announcement will be sent to the District Board of Trustees in the ~~next communication~~ normal course of business. (02/09) ~~Said~~ The notification may be sent via email.
- B. Once candidates have declared their candidacy, they will be considered a candidate until the District Secretary/Executive Director has received a formal written withdrawal. The District Secretary/Executive Director shall acknowledge receipt of the withdrawal. Notification of the withdrawal will be sent to the District Board of Trustees in the ~~next communication~~ normal course of business. (02/05)
- C. A candidate for District Office (with the exception of the office of Lieutenant Governor) shall neither announce nor campaign directly or indirectly for District Office until October 1 of the Kiwanis Administrative Year in which the election will occur. (08/03)
- D. District policies for campaigning shall be sent to each announced candidate and each ~~Lieutenant Governor~~, by the District Office. (07/98)
- E. The Governor, Governor-elect, Immediate Past Governor, District Treasurer, District Trustees and all paid employees of the District Office shall not make any public endorsement in connection with any contested District election, except when campaigning

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on their own behalf. (02/09) Disparaging statements made by any candidate or by any member of the candidate's campaign committee, about any other candidate are prohibited.

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- F. When requested by an announced candidate, the District Office shall provide an electronic database of the following: Trustees, Lieutenant Governors, Lieutenant Governors-elect, Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, District Committee Chairs, Past District Governors and Immediate Past Lieutenant Governors. At the option of the candidate, the District Office shall provide two (2) free sets of mailing labels in lieu of the database file. (03/08)
- G. An announced candidate may send promotional materials to any Kiwanian after the District Secretary has received official notification of candidacy. (07/98)
- H. The District Secretary will invite candidates as observers to any meeting of the following committees of which they are not a member: Bylaws and Policies, Finance, Realignment and Strategic Planning. (02/05)
- I. A candidate, or a person on behalf of a candidate, shall not begin campaigning or raising funds for the candidacy until after the District Secretary has received official notification of candidacy. (02/05)

191.2 Information on Conferences, Conventions and General Campaigning

- A. Convention site campaign activity shall only be conducted at the candidate's convention space and the candidate's own hospitality suite. Convention site is defined as hotel or convention center function space and adjoining hallways and foyers. Candidates will assure that campaign supporters and workers do not block entry and exit ways to convention facilities. Each candidate for District Office (other than Lieutenant Governor, Treasurer or Trustee) will be provided with one standard cost-free space at the Mid-Year Conference(s) and District Convention. Promotional material and upkeep of the space shall be at the candidates' own expense. (08/12)
- B. The author of any campaign communication must be clearly identified. (07/98)
- C. All campaign material shall be prohibited on stage during any convention or conference session and by presenters at any seminar and when on duty on behalf of any of the following committees:  
Host Committees, Registration, Credentials, Pride in Kiwanis, Elections and Sergeant-At-Arms. (08/12)

191.3 Active and Personal Campaigning

A. All candidates shall be responsible for the actions of their committees and shall accept full responsibility for their campaigns. (02/05)

B. A campaign visit may be made to a division function, other than the division of the candidate's primary club, only by written invitation from the Lieutenant Governor. If an invitation is extended to one candidate, that candidate must inform the Lieutenant Governor extending the invitation that all candidates for the same office must be invited to the same meeting. The Lieutenant Governor should remain neutral regarding the candidates during any such meeting, but may choose to endorse any candidate outside these division meetings and may work for candidates to assist their campaigns. (02/05)

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C. A campaign visit may be made to a club function, other than the clubs in the candidate's primary club division, only by written invitation by the club president. If an invitation is extended to one candidate, that candidate must inform the club president extending the invitation that all candidates for the same office must be invited to the same meeting. (02/05) The President should remain neutral regarding the candidates during any such meeting, but may choose to endorse any candidate outside these division meetings and may work for candidates to assist their campaigns.

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D. Campaigning and/or campaign material of any kind is not permitted at the Governor's Official Visit. (03/08)

E. A candidate and committee members shall promote only their candidacy and shall not campaign against any other candidate. (07/98)

F. Candidates shall not solicit or allow the aid of members of Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs in their campaign. (02/05)

G. The Candidate's Campaign Chair will provide the Elections Committee and District Secretary/Executive Director with a list of all their campaign committee members before the commencement of campaigning.

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191.4 Limitations on Campaigning (06/20)

A. Candidates for the office of Governor-elect who are certified by Kiwanis International to conduct CLE training shall not, after the announcement of their candidacy, continue to act as a CLE trainer until after the election for the office that such candidate may seek.

B. Candidates for the office of Governor-elect shall not, after the announcement of their candidacy, conduct campaign activities or publicize their candidacy at SLP conventions, conclaves, or events until after the election for the office that such candidate may seek.

191.5 Specifically prohibited activity (8/20)

A. Candidates shall not distribute any flyers, posters, cards, e-mails, social media posts, direct mail pieces via USPS or private carrier, or any other communications whether physical or electronic in connection with their candidacy that includes photographs or images of any District Officer, any Kiwanis International Officer, any paid employee of the California Nevada Hawaii District of Kiwanis International, or of any member of any SLP Club in Kiwanis International. Such photographs or images could be misconstrued as an endorsement, which is specifically prohibited elsewhere in this section.

A.B. Neither candidates nor members of their campaign committees may use any social media platform to act or communicate in ways that would otherwise be violations of these campaign policies if they were made in person.

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B.C. The District reserves the right to augment or supplement this listing of specifically prohibited activities at any time. The items enumerated above shall not be considered the exclusive list of prohibited activities. They are offered by way of illustration, and not by way of limitation.

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191.6 Violations of Campaign Policies - Campaign Ethics Committee (8/20)

A. The sole remedy for campaign policy violations is to report the alleged violation to the District Governor or District Secretary, as outlined herein.

B. The Governor shall appoint a Campaign Ethics Committee (hereafter, 'the Committee') at the beginning of each administrative year. The chair will be named by the Governor, and shall be a member in good standing of any Kiwanis Club in the District. The Committee shall include three (3) currently sitting District Trustees, two (2) sitting Lieutenant Governors, and two (2) Past District Governors, none of whom should be a declared candidate for any office. If the allegations are made against the sitting District Governor, then all the powers and functions of the Governor outlined in this section shall instead be carried out by the Governor-elect. A quorum for the Committee shall be five (5) members.

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B.C. Any person who observes what they believe to be a campaign policy violation shall file a written complaint with the District office. All complaints regarding alleged violations of the campaign policies outlined above shall be delivered in writing to the Governor or District Secretary/Executive Director, in person or by mail or electronic delivery at the District Office and shall be signed by the witness to the alleged violation. The complaint regarding the alleged violation(s) shall provide specific details for example, the date, time, place, identity of those involved, and what was said or done in violation of the campaign policies outlined above, referencing the specific violation and/or policy violated. Anonymous complaints will be rejected, and no further action will be taken with respect to them.

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~~C.D. Upon receipt of a written allegation of a violation of the campaign policies outlined above that has occurred 21 days or more prior to the District Education Conference and Convention (“Convention”), the Governor shall appoint refer the alleged violation and any associated materials to the a Campaign Ethics Committee (“Committee”). This committee will have a minimum of five (5) members. The chairman will be named by the Governor, and shall be a member in good standing of any Kiwanis Club in the District. The committee will include a Chair, two (2) currently sitting District Trustees and two (2) Past District Governors, none of whom should be a declared candidate for any office. If the allegations are made against the sitting District Governor, then all the powers and functions of the Governor outlined in this section shall instead be carried out by the Governor-elect. A quorum for the Committee will be four (4) members. Any abstention vote will be considered a “no” vote.~~

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~~D.E. The committee Cpmmittee will conduct a preliminary investigation of all alleged campaign policy violations which it receives from the Governor within 10 days of the receipt of the written complaint. The Committee shall make an initial determination regarding whether to conduct a formal hearing regarding the alleged campaign policy violations. The Committee will report their findings in writing to the Governor as soon as is reasonably possible, but in no event later than 21 days after the receipt of the written complaint by the Committee. (08/20)~~

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~~E.F. If the Committee recommends conducting a formal hearing, or if the Governor instructs the Committee to conduct a formal hearing regardless of the recommendation of the Committee, the Committee, in conjunction with the Governor and the District Secretary, shall set a date for a hearing within 15 days of the written report to the Governor. Written notice of the hearing will be given by the District Secretary to each member of the Committee, the Candidate and, if applicable, the alleged violator(s). The Candidate and/or alleged violator(s) shall receive a copy of the complaint made against them at least one week before the day of the hearing and be permitted the opportunity to provide evidence in their defense, but shall not be present during the Committee deliberations. The Committee will make a written report of its findings to the Governor within 5 days of the hearing and may recommend that the Governor take one of the actions outlined in section 191.5 ~~E G~~ below. If the Committee is not unanimous in its findings, the Committee members in the minority may make their own report to the Governor. (08/20)~~

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~~F.G. The Governor shall review the findings of the Committee and take one or more of the following actions:~~

- ~~1. No action based on no violation.~~
- ~~2. Acceptance of an oral or written apology from the candidate and/or violator(s).~~
- ~~3. A private reprimand given to the candidate and/or violator(s).~~

4. A public reprimand notifying the District Board and/or the delegate body of the individuals violating the campaign policies.
5. A written cease and desist order. (02/05)

G.H. The Candidate, violator(s), or the Committee, each have a right to appeal from the action to be taken by the Governor to the District Board of Trustees. However, if the Committee wishes to appeal, it must do so by majority vote. - If a District Board meeting is not scheduled prior to the end of the current or next District conference or convention, the right of appeal shall be to an ad hoc committee appointed by the Governor and consisting of the Governor, the Governor-Elect, Immediate Past Governor, District Secretary/Executive Director, District Treasurer, at least two (2) Trustees and at least two (2) Past Governors. The decision of the District Board of Trustees, or of the ad hoc committee, shall be final. (03/08)

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H.I. The District Board of Trustees will be advised of the Governor's action at the next board meeting. (02/05)

I. The following procedure is available to address campaign policy violations reported as having occurred less than 21 days prior to the Convention, or during the Convention, and also to address disruptive behavior by any person attending the Convention at General Sessions, Candidate Forums, the House of Delegates, or any other place at the Convention. If the sitting District Governor receives a complaint of campaign policy violations and/or disruptive behavior and deems the complaint to be credible, the District Governor may unilaterally impose any sanction specified in section 191.6 G upon any individual so accused. The District Governor shall inform all other members of the District Board of Trustees of any decision to impose such sanctions upon an individual at the District Education Conference and Convention as soon as possible, to the best of his or her ability to do so. In addition, as the result of the exigencies of ensuring compliance with campaign policies imposed by Kiwanis International and California Nevada Hawaii District of Kiwanis International during the Convention, and to address any disruptive behavior during the Convention, the District Governor may bar any person so accused from the Convention forthwith, and direct that the Sergeant at Arms bar and/or eject any such individual from the Convention floor. The District Governor shall inform all other members of the Committee and the District Board of Trustees of any decision to bar and/or eject an individual from the Convention as soon as possible, to the best of his or her ability to do so.

K. If the District Governor takes any action outlined in section J above, the District Governor shall immediately notify the Committee of his or her action(s). If those affected by the action(s) of the District Governor wish to appeal any such action(s), the appeal shall be to the Committee, and the Committee shall meet and act immediately after an appeal to determine whether the action of the District Governor was justified. The Committee shall have the power to affirm or rescind the decision of the Governor, and/or to impose additional and/or different sanctions as provided by section I above. The decision of the

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Committee regarding any such appeal shall be final. The Committee shall notify the members of the District Board of Trustees and the Governor of their decision(s) as soon as is reasonably possible after meeting.

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270 District Committees

270.1 District Committees Mid-Year Meeting of Board of Trustees

All District committee chair ~~person~~ ~~man~~ are encouraged to attend the District Mid-Year meeting of the Board of Trustees. ~~to present their reports and to encourage their programs of service. For such attendance, a travel allowance but no per diem, meals or lodging may be paid by the District.~~

271. Expenses for District Committees

Expenses of District committees ~~shall not exceed the Lieutenant Governor's~~ per diem and travel ~~and~~ are payable only to the extent budgeted.

Expenses of Service Leadership Program Administrators shall not be subject to the above per diem limitation. (6/00)

271.1 Costs - Convention Site and Selection Committee

The cost of meetings of the Convention Site and Selection Committee shall be charged against the District Convention budget or Mid-Year Conference budgets depending upon the primary purpose of such meeting.

271.2 Costs - Governor's Cabinet ~~and Parliamentarian~~

The Governor shall recommend a total amount to be budgeted for reimbursement to cover such costs as office expense, telephone, postage, travel meetings, convention expense. The distribution of these funds shall be made available in equal amounts to each member of the Governor's Cabinet, ~~and the Parliamentarian.~~ (06/18)

271.3 Costs – Service Leadership Programs (SLP) Committees (08/10)

Travel expenses for Service Leadership Programs (SLP) Regional Advisors to attend Board meetings (Winter Board, May Board and Summer Board) shall be as follows:

- A. The District shall reimburse Regional Advisors for airline transportation from Regions 6, 9, 14, 15, 16 and 17 to Board meetings held at the Kiwanis Professional Center. The District shall reimburse Regional Advisors from Region 18 for airline transportation to all Board meetings. (08/10)
- B. The District shall only provide reimbursement for transportation and housing to one Regional Advisor or Assistant Regional Advisor for every four students per region per meeting. (08/10)

**300 CONDUCT UNBECOMING A MEMBER OF THE KIWANIS FAMILY – DISCIPLINE OF DISTRICT OFFICERS**

~~300. Kiwanis International Board Policies contain a Section entitled “Conduct Unbecoming a Member of the Kiwanis Family,” and defines such conduct as any conduct committed by any member of the Kiwanis family, as that term is defined by Kiwanis International, that:~~

~~A. Is incompatible with the best interest of the public or of members of the Kiwanis family, or~~

~~B. Tends to harm the standing of Kiwanis in the local or global community.~~

~~When an incident occurs at a District or International event that becomes known to another Kiwanian and such other Kiwanian believes such conduct comes within the guidelines of “Conduct Unbecoming a Member of the Kiwanis Family,” it shall be incumbent on said Kiwanian to report the same in writing to the Governor and District Secretary. If the District Governor in concurrence with both: (06/18)~~

~~A. the Chair of the District Bylaws and Policies Committee, and (06/18)~~

~~Ba current District Trustee selected by the District Governor not from the Region containing the Club to which the individual alleged to have engaged in ‘Conduct Unbecoming’ belongs, (06/18)~~

~~concludes that the alleged conduct in question is “Conduct Unbecoming a Member of the Kiwanis Family,” the District Governor shall report the same to the alleged offending Kiwanian’s Club President, Club Secretary, and the Lieutenant Governor of the division in which the member’s club is located.~~

~~No guilt or innocence of the accused member shall be implied from the reporting of the subject incident or from the Club reviewing the matter using the procedures set forth in the Standard Form of Club Bylaws.~~

~~The following instances of conduct shall be considered “Conduct Unbecoming a Member of the Kiwanis Family.” These instances, however, are examples only and any offending conduct to be reviewed shall not necessarily be limited to this list:~~

~~1. Sexual, ethnic or racial discrimination or harassment (3/08)~~

~~2Theft or embezzlement of public, private or Kiwanis funds or property;-3~~

~~.The use or possession of illegal drugs;~~

~~4. The physical assault of another person;~~

~~5 Arrest and conviction for any crime other than those offenses that are handled by the issuance of a citation only, except for a single conviction of a violation of California Vehicle Code Section 23152 (DUI) or equivalent statute in Nevada or Hawaii.~~

~~Nothing in this policy shall be deemed to supersede or replace the disciplinary provisions set forth in the Standard Form of Club Bylaws and in the event of any conflict therewith the Club Bylaws shall prevail. (8/07)~~

### ~~301 01 Sexual, Racial, Ethnic or Other Harassment (08/10)~~

~~It is the clear and distinct policy of the Cal-Nev-Ha District of Kiwanis International that all Kiwanians shall always conduct themselves in a responsible way to avoid even the slightest inference that any sort of sexual, ethnic, or racial discrimination or other harassment has occurred between a Kiwanian and any other member of society. This must be especially true in Kiwanis related meetings, projects and functions, particularly those involving members of our Service Leadership Programs. To that end, the District is committed to providing an environment that is free from discrimination and harassment.~~

~~Actions, words, jokes, or comments based upon an individual's sex, sexual preference, race, ethnicity, age, religion, or any other legally protected characteristic will not be tolerated. Such harassment, discrimination, and/or misconduct that is demeaning to another person, or other actions that undermine the integrity of the volunteer relationship and/or creates a hostile environment is strictly prohibited. In addition, neither the District nor any Kiwanis Club shall retaliate against any Kiwanian for filing a complaint alleging harassment described in this Section and shall not tolerate or permit retaliation by District or Club Officers, Directors, Trustees, management, employees or members. Such retaliatory actions shall be considered as "Conduct Unbecoming a Member of the Kiwanis Family" (hereinafter referred to as "Conduct Unbecoming").~~

### ~~01 Examples of Sexual Harassment (08/10)~~

~~The definition of sexual harassment includes many forms of offensive behavior, including harassment of a person of the same gender as the harasser. Forms of sexual harassment include, but are not limited to, the following: unwanted sexual advances; offering employment benefits in exchange for sexual favors; actual or threatened retaliation; leering; making sexual gestures; displaying suggestive objects, pictures, cartoons, or posters; making or using derogatory comments, epithets, slurs, or jokes; sexual comments including graphic comments about an individual's body; sexually degrading words used to describe an individual; suggestive or obscene letters, notes or invitations; physical touching or assault, as well as impeding or blocking movements. These actions are not intended to be an~~

exclusive list of examples of sexual harassment, but rather are intended to provide just some of the types of conduct that will be treated as sexual harassment.

## ~~2~~ 2 Procedure for Filing Complaints

~~All allegations of Conduct Unbecoming involving events that occur at a Kiwanis Club (hereinafter the "Club") function, including complaints of sexual harassment or alleged retaliation for filing a previous complaint, shall be made in writing and shall be delivered to the Club President and Club Secretary, unless the complaint is against one of these individuals. If the complaint is against the Club Secretary, it shall be delivered to the Club President and Immediate Past Club President. If the complaint is against the Club President, it shall be delivered to the Club Secretary and the Immediate Past Club President. The Club President, or Immediate Past Club President shall promptly advise the Club's Board of Directors of such complaint and The Board shall follow the procedure described in the Standard Form of Club Bylaws (hereinafter the "Club Bylaws") in Article 7 entitled "Discipline." All allegations of Conduct Unbecoming involving conduct at a District or International event shall be reported as provided in Policy Section 300. (02/18)~~

## ~~302.~~ Allegations Regarding A District Officer or Member of a District Committee

~~All allegations of Conduct Unbecoming involving a District Officer or a member of a District Committee shall be reported as provided in California-Nevada-Hawaii District Bylaws Article IX, Section 2, or any successor section dealing with the same subject matter. (06/18)~~

## **301** Definition of 'Conduct Unbecoming'

**"Conduct unbecoming a member of the Kiwanis family" is defined as any conduct that:**

- Constitutes harassment of another individual based on race, color, creed, national origin, age, or sex, including sexual orientation and genderidentity;**
- Constitutes a criminal act that is clearly incompatible with the best interests of the public or of members of the Kiwanis family; or**
- Constitutes repeated offensive or obnoxious behavior at Kiwanis events and activities.**

**In addition to the basic definition of 'conduct unbecoming a member of the Kiwanis family' as shown above, the definition is expanded for Kiwanis CNH District officers (Kiwanis CNH Board Members, Lieutenant Governors, and District Governors) to further include any of the following offenses committed while serving in office:**

- Engaging in unwanted touching at any time.**
- Creating a hostile atmosphere.**
- Being convicted of any felony or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude.**

Note: For conduct unbecoming purposes, the Kiwanis family is hereby defined as members of Kiwanis clubs, Aktion Clubs, Circle K clubs, KIWINIS, Key Clubs and Builder Clubs.

### **302** Allegation and Investigation

A. Allegation: If any club member or district officer observes or has knowledge of\* behavior by a district officer that he or she believes constitutes ‘conduct unbecoming a member of the Kiwanis family’ as defined by the California Nevada Hawai’i District of Kiwanis International Board of Trustees and/or Kiwanis International and which may have been committed in his/her capacity as a district officer, the member shall report such allegation in writing (hereinafter referred to as the “Allegation Report”) immediately to the district Governor.

However, if the Governor is the subject of the allegation, then, throughout the entire ‘conduct unbecoming’ process, whenever it is stated that the Governor shall normally act, the immediate past governor shall act instead.

The Allegation Report shall include as much detail as possible regarding the time, place, persons, actions, etc., and how the behavior relates to the accused officer’s duties for the district. If the behavior does not relate to those duties, the allegation will be redirected to the accused officer’s club along with a copy of the Allegation Report.

\*Note: “Has knowledge of” may include a nonmember making a club member or district officer aware of behavior or actions by a district officer, in which case, such allegation shall be submitted by the club member or district officer who has been made aware of it.

### **303** Allegation Process

Upon receipt of an Allegation Report, the Governor shall follow the steps outlined in this policy section.

### **304** Investigator

Within seven (7) days of receiving the Allegation Report, the Governor shall appoint a special investigator, which may be a single individual or a committee (hereinafter referred to as “the Investigator”). The Investigator shall be composed of disinterested Kiwanis club members from the district where the member is an officer (that is, those without bias on the allegations or for/against the officer personally) and shall not include any members of the district Board. In the event the Governor believes no Kiwanian in the district has the necessary skills to adequately investigate the subject matter, the Governor may select a non-Kiwanian as the Investigator. If the Investigator charges a fee for his/her services or if the investigation itself involves some costs (such as fees for requesting records, etc.), then such fees/costs must be approved by the Board. The Investigator will represent

the district throughout the entire investigation, determination, and reconsideration process (if any).

**305** Investigation Process and Initial Notice

Within fourteen (14) days after being appointed, the Investigator shall endeavor to gather enough information to determine if the allegation is substantive enough to warrant investigation. If so determined, the Governor or designee shall send written notice to the accused officer of the allegation, a copy of the process to be followed, and the possible outcome, and the investigation shall continue more fully, including a reasonable attempt to interview the accused officer and other relevant persons.

**306** Investigation Reports

The Investigator shall provide a progress report to the Governor within thirty (30) days of appointment. A final written report of the Investigator's findings (hereinafter referred to as 'the Investigation Report') shall be made by the Investigator, signed by all persons who comprise the Investigator, and submitted to the Governor within 30 days after the initial progress report (no later than sixty (60) days after the appointment of the Investigator), unless there are extenuating circumstances. The Investigation Report shall include an outline of the investigation as well as (1) whether the investigation finds in favor of the accused; or (2) whether the Investigator finds the matter can be resolved without a hearing; or (3) a recommendation of the charges and related specifications to be made against the accused officer.

**307** Charges and Specifications

A charge sets forth the general offense the accused officer is alleged to have committed. A specification states specifically what the accused officer is alleged to have done which, if true, constitutes an instance supporting the charge. Charges and specifications must be carefully worded to make no broader allegation than intended or can be supported. An accused officer must be found 'guilty' of at least one specification in order to be found 'guilty' of the related charge, and an accused officer must be found 'guilty' of at least one charge before a penalty can be imposed. (If necessary, refer to Robert Rules of Order, Section 63 Investigation and Trial, for more information and examples of charges and specifications.)

**308** Disclosure and Confidentiality

A. During Investigation: During the investigation, the Governor shall not disclose any information regarding the investigation to the public or to any other Kiwanian, including the district Board, until the investigation process is complete, except that the Governor may report to the district Board only that an allegation has been received and an investigation is being conducted, without disclosing the name of the accused officer or details of the investigation.

B. After Investigation: Once the investigation is complete, the Governor may disclose information regarding the investigation only to the district Board for a hearing on the matter and to any Kiwanis Staff members who have a need to know, but not to the public or to any other Kiwanian.

C. General: All materials, facts, and information related to the investigation, determination, and reconsideration (if any) shall be kept confidential at all times by any parties or persons involved in any part of the process. The person presiding over each step should remind all participants of the need to maintain confidentiality.

### **309** Criminal Wrongdoing

If at any time during the investigation, the Investigator discovers criminal wrongdoing or what appears to be criminal wrongdoing, it must be reported immediately to the Governor, who is then obligated to report the matter to the proper authorities. If the Governor does not act, then the Investigator is obligated to report the matter to the proper authorities. In any case, the process regarding conduct unbecoming shall proceed to conclusion.

### **310** Resignation

An accused officer may resign from office and/or may resign from club membership at any time during the conduct unbecoming process, and the district Board and/or the club (respectively) may or may not accept the resignation; however, after investigation, charges and specifications are made against the accused officer, then the district Board is obligated to continue the hearing, determination, and discipline processes through to completion.

### **311** Board Hearing

A. Referral to Board: After receiving the Investigation Report, the Governor shall refer it to the district board to determine whether to proceed with a hearing. A special Board meeting for this purpose shall be held within seven (7) days after the matter is referred to the Board, and shall be conducted in executive session. (4/13)

B. Notice of Hearing: Within seven (7) days after the special Board meeting, the Governor or designee shall send notice to the accused officer of the investigation results, including charges and specifications, and whether the Board intends to pursue the allegation(s) and proceed with a hearing. If a hearing is to be held, the accused officer shall have the option to say nothing or to admit or deny the allegation(s). If admitted, the officer shall tender his/her resignation from office. If denied, the hearing shall determine if the allegation(s) are true. A date for a hearing shall be set in consultation with the accused officer, to be held as soon as reasonably possible but no later than thirty (30) days after the accused officer receives notice of the allegation. The date shall be set when at least a quorum (which is a majority) of the Board members can be present.



C. Temporary Suspension: If the Board intends to proceed with a hearing, the accused officer may be temporarily suspended from office, pending the outcome of the proceedings. (4/13)

D. Hearing: A special meeting of the Board, with at least a quorum present, shall be held to conduct a hearing. The only persons allowed to attend the hearing are district Board members, the accused officer, the Investigator, any representatives or counsel for the accused officer and the district, and Kiwanis Staff as needed. Witnesses are permitted only during their own testimony. The Governor shall preside; however, if the Governor is the subject of the allegation or wishes to decline, the Board shall determine who presides. If a Board member is the subject of the allegation, he/she shall be counted in determining the number needed for quorum, but will not be allowed to be present during deliberations or to vote at any point in the process.

At the hearing, the Investigator shall present evidence on behalf of the district, and the accused officer shall have the opportunity to present evidence in his/her defense. If the Investigator is a committee, any member of the committee may represent the district at the hearing. The district or the accused officer may present evidence through testimony of witnesses. Witnesses shall not be required to swear-in. Either side may question the other or any witnesses. The accused officer may testify in his/her behalf, either in person or in written form without being present. The accused officer also shall have the right of representation at the hearing by the person of his/her choice and/or by legal counsel, at the officer's own expense. Legal counsel may be engaged by the district board to provide advice to the board; however, the role of such legal counsel is entirely separate from the role of the Investigator. Counsel for the district Board or the accused may be a non-Kiwanian.

If it is determined that additional time is needed to present evidence not available at the initial hearing, the Board may adjourn the hearing and reconvene it later.

If the accused officer fails to appear for the hearing, the hearing shall proceed without him/her.

E. Hearing Record: A written record of the hearing (hereinafter referred to as "the Hearing Record") shall be made. The hearing also may be recorded for transcription purposes. The Hearing Record shall include:

- Date, time, and location of the hearing;
- Names of all persons present or participating;
- Nature of allegation(s), including charges and specifications
- Evidence, including testimony of witnesses;
- A summary of the essential content of all discussions;

- Any findings determined during the proceedings;
- Any motions made or votes taken.

The Hearing Record shall be reviewed and adopted by the district Board in an executive session at the next special meeting of the Board on the subject (see next step) and retained by the district secretary.

### **312** Determination and Discipline

A. Determination: Within seven (7) days of conclusion of the hearing – or within no later than thirty (30) days, if extenuating circumstances exist – the Board shall hold another special meeting in executive session (attendance limited to Board members) to consider the charges and specifications against the accused officer. Each of the specifications, and then the charge, is read, opened to debate, and voted on separately, although the several votes can be collected on a single written ballot. If the accused is found guilty of one or more of the specifications but not of the charge, a lesser charge may be moved and voted on. In each case, a majority vote of those present and voting is necessary. If the accused is a member of the Board, he/she shall not have a vote on the matter.

B. Discipline: If the accused officer is determined to have engaged in conduct unbecoming as alleged by at least one of the charges, he/she shall be disciplined by the District Board as provided in Kiwanis International policy.

C. Board Report: Within seven (7) days of conclusion of the special meeting, the Board shall produce a written report of its findings, conclusions, and decision(s) (hereinafter referred to as “the Board Report”), which shall become part of the district record on the matter. The Board report shall include a copy of the Hearing Record, as reviewed and adopted by the Board. A copy of the Board Report shall be provided immediately to the accused officer and the Investigator. District clubs shall be informed of the Board’s decision(s) on the matter, but other details from the Board Report shall remain confidential.

### **313** Reinstatement to Office

If the accused officer was suspended from office during the ‘conduct unbecoming’ process, but charges are not substantiated, the suspension shall be terminated and the accused reinstated to office.

### **314** Reconsideration

A. Request for reconsideration: Within thirty (30) days of the Board Report being provided to the accused officer and the Investigator, either party may request reconsideration by the Board. Such request must be made in writing to the Governor and must state the specific reason(s) for reconsideration. Either party may request reconsideration of either the Board’s finding that ‘conduct unbecoming’ did or did

not occur or the resulting disciplinary action. Reconsideration may **not** be used to “re-try” the allegations against the accused officer and no new facts that were reasonably accessible at the time of the hearing will be allowed. Reconsideration will be allowed only if some part of the process or facts used to determine the Board’s decision(s), the Hearing Record, or the Board Report is alleged to be faulty, incorrect, insufficient, or otherwise erroneous, or if the decision of the Board was contrary to the overwhelming weight of the evidence.

B. Reconsideration Process: If a written request for reconsideration is received by the Governor, the Board shall call a special meeting within thirty (30) days, provided at least fourteen (14) days advance notice of the meeting is given to the accused officer. Any person who is not a district Board member shall be excluded from the meeting. All materials and information provided to the district Board shall remain confidential among those attending. At least a quorum of the Board (which is a majority) must be present at the reconsideration meeting. The Governor shall preside; however, if the Governor is the subject of the allegation or wishes to decline, the Board shall determine who presides. The materials to be considered during reconsideration shall be the Hearing Record, the Board Report, and the appellant’s basis for reconsideration.

C. Permitted Motions: The only motions that may be made during the reconsideration meeting by a Board member in attendance are these: either (1) to uphold the Board’s original determination of ‘conduct unbecoming’ and resulting disciplinary action; **or** (2) to overturn the original decision. Other motions are out of order. Any motion shall require a majority vote of those present and eligible to vote to adopt.

D. Final Authority: The decision of the district Board on the matter shall be final.

E. Reconsideration Record: A written record of the reconsideration shall be made (hereinafter referred to as the ‘Reconsideration Record’), similar to that for the original hearing, and shall be reviewed and approved by the district Board and retained as part of the district record on the matter.

### **315** Official Records, Notification, and Separate Disciplinary Action

A. Official Records: The district shall retain all official records on the matter in a confidential file, as long as required by applicable law. Official records are: the Allegation Report, Investigation Report, Hearing Record, Board Report, and Reconsideration Record if any.

B. Notification of Kiwanis International: A copy of all official records shall be sent to the Executive Director of Kiwanis International within thirty (30) days of the conclusion of all proceedings, to be retained in a confidential file as long as required by applicable law. This provides documentation that the district Board completed

due diligence regarding the allegation, as well as a safeguard against district records being lost or destroyed at a later date.

If a district officer was disciplined by the district for 'conduct unbecoming' and if he/she is also a Kiwanis International officer, Kiwanis International may take separate disciplinary action against the member as it deems appropriate.

C. Notification of Club(s): If the district officer was disciplined by the district for 'conduct unbecoming,' Kiwanis International shall send a copy of all official records on the matter to the president(s) of the officer's club(s) and each club may take separate disciplinary action against the member as it deems appropriate.

D. Notification of Other Districts: If the disciplined district officer is also an officer in another district, Kiwanis International shall send a copy of all official records on the matter to the Governor of the other district, and the other district may take separate disciplinary action against the officer as it deems appropriate.

### **316** Parliamentary Authority

The most recent edition of Roberts Rules of Order shall be the parliamentary authority for all procedural matters related to investigation, determination, discipline, and reconsideration (if any) for 'conduct unbecoming' which may not be specifically covered in Kiwanis governing documents, including but not limited to this procedure. (In the 11th edition of Roberts Rules, see Section 63 – Investigation and Trial). In the event of any inconsistency between Kiwanis governing documents and Roberts Rules, the Kiwanis provisions shall prevail.

## Policy revisions adopted by the Kiwanis International Board October 2, 2021

The revised text in final form is shown in blue.

At its meeting held October 2, 2021, the Kiwanis International Board revised policies regarding the Joint Committee, chaperones for Service Leadership Programs events, and conduct unbecoming a member of the Kiwanis family.

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### POLICY B. INTERNATIONAL ADMINISTRATION

#### 11. Definition of ‘Conduct Unbecoming’

##### a. Conduct Unbecoming a Member of the Kiwanis Family (4/13)

“Conduct unbecoming a member of the Kiwanis family” is defined as any conduct that:  
(4/12)

- Is incompatible with the best interests of the public or of members of the Kiwanis family; or (4/12)
- Tends to harm the standing of Kiwanis in the local or global community. (4/12)

Note: For conduct unbecoming purposes, the Kiwanis family is defined in the Kiwanis International Bylaws as members of Kiwanis clubs, Aktion Clubs, Circle K clubs, and Key Clubs. (4/12)

##### b. Conduct Unbecoming a Kiwanis International Officer (4/13)

In addition to the basic definition of ‘conduct unbecoming a member of the Kiwanis family’ as shown above, the definition is expanded for Kiwanis International officers (Kiwanis International Board Members and District Governors) to further include any of the following offenses committed while serving in office: (4/12) (4/13)

1. Engaging in profanity or making derogatory statements or engaging in offensive behavior based on race, color, gender, age, disability, economic status, religion, or national origin. (4/12)
2. Engaging in unwanted touching at any time. (6/99)
3. Creating a hostile atmosphere. (6/99)
4. Being convicted of any felony or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude. (4/12)

#### 12. Club Member Accused of ‘Conduct Unbecoming’

- a. If an allegation of ‘conduct unbecoming a member of the Kiwanis family’ is made against a member of a Kiwanis club, the member’s club shall follow the process generally described below, as further defined in Kiwanis International procedure. If the member belongs to more than one club, the club associated with the ‘conduct unbecoming’ shall act. (10/12) (4/13)
- b. The president of the club (or immediate past president, if the president is accused) shall immediately request from Kiwanis International a copy of the detailed procedures to be

followed by the club and shall appoint a special investigator who will conduct an investigation and produce a report summarizing the findings. The Board shall consider the investigation report and determine whether to hold a hearing on the matter. The President shall notify the accused member of the investigation results and whether the Board intends to pursue the allegation(s). If a hearing is held, the Board shall then meet and report its decision whether the accused member did or did not engage in ‘conduct unbecoming’ and, based on that decision, the appropriate disciplinary action, if any, as follows: informal counseling, a verbal reprimand, written reprimand, suspension from office or club membership, or removal from office or club membership. The determination of the discipline should be based on the seriousness of the unbecoming conduct. All disciplinary actions shall be documented in club records. (10/12) (4/13)

- c.** If the accused member is also a district officer or a Kiwanis International officer and the ‘conduct unbecoming’ appears to have been committed in his/her capacity as an officer, or if it is impossible to determine in what capacity the ‘conduct unbecoming’ was committed, the matter shall first be submitted to the Kiwanis International President or the district governor, in that order, as appropriate, who shall determine the capacity and either begin an investigation at the International or District level or refer it back to the club level to investigate and decide. (4/13)
- d.** If either the accused member or the investigator believes some part of the investigation was faulty or the determination was incorrect, either party has the right to appeal in writing the Board’s decision to the club membership. The appeal shall be heard at a special meeting of the club members in good standing. The decision of the club membership to uphold, reverse, or change the Board’s decision(s) shall be final. (10/12) (4/13)
- e.** If, at any point during the ‘conduct unbecoming’ process, possible criminal wrongdoing is discovered, the matter shall be reported to the proper authorities. (10/12)
- f.** All materials, facts, and information related to the investigation, determination, and appeal (if any) shall be kept confidential at all times by any parties or persons involved in any part of the process. (10/12)
- g.** The club shall retain all official records on the matter (Allegation Report, Investigation Report, Hearing Record, Board Report, and Appeal Record if any) in a confidential file as long as required by local applicable law, and shall send a copy to Kiwanis International, to be retained in a confidential file. (10/12) (4/13)
- h.** A club shall discipline any member whose conduct is determined to be ‘conduct unbecoming a member of the Kiwanis family,’ or else the club shall be considered out of compliance with acceptable standards of Kiwanis International and may have its charter suspended or revoked as provided in the Kiwanis International Bylaws. (10/12) (4/13)
- i.** If the member was disciplined by the club in any way for ‘conduct unbecoming’ and if he/she is also: a member of another club(s); a district officer; or a Kiwanis International officer, the other club(s), district, or Kiwanis International may take separate disciplinary action against the member as each deems appropriate. (4/13)

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(4/12)

- Constitutes harassment of another individual based on race, color, creed, national origin, age, or sex, including sexual orientation and gender identity. (10/21)
- Constitutes a criminal act that is clearly incompatible with the best interests of the public or of members of the Kiwanis family; or (4/12) (10/21)
- Constitutes repeated offensive or obnoxious behavior at Kiwanis events and activities. (10/21)

Note: For conduct unbecoming purposes, the Kiwanis family is defined in the Kiwanis International Bylaws as members of Kiwanis clubs, Aktion Clubs, Circle K clubs, and Key Clubs. (4/12)

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## 12. Club Member Accused of ‘Conduct Unbecoming’

- a. If an allegation of ‘conduct unbecoming a member of the Kiwanis family’ is made against a member of a Kiwanis club, the member’s club shall follow a fair and just process appropriate to the club’s abilities and resources. The process shall ensure that both the person making the allegation and the person against whom the charge is made are given an opportunity to be heard and ask each other questions. If the member belongs to more than one club, the club associated with the ‘conduct unbecoming’ shall act. (10/12) (10/21)
- b. The president of the club (or immediate past president if the president is accused) shall immediately request from Kiwanis International a copy of the general process to be followed. (10/12) (10/21)
- c. If the accused member is also a district officer or a Kiwanis International officer and the conduct appears to have been committed in his/her capacity as an officer, or if it is impossible to determine in what capacity the conduct was committed, the matter shall first be submitted to the Kiwanis International President or the district governor, in that order, as appropriate, who shall determine the capacity and either begin an investigation at the International or District level or refer it back to the club level to investigate and decide. (4/13) (10/21)
- d. If either the accused member or the investigator believes some part of the investigation was faulty or the determination was incorrect, either party has the right to appeal in writing the

- Board's decision to the club membership. The appeal shall be heard at a special meeting of the club members in good standing. The decision of the club membership to uphold, reverse, or change the Board's decision(s) shall be final. (10/12) (4/13)
- e. If, at any point during the 'conduct unbecoming' process, possible criminal wrongdoing is discovered, the matter shall be reported to the proper authorities. (10/12)
  - f. All materials, facts, and information related to the investigation, determination, and appeal (if any) shall be kept confidential at all times by any parties or persons involved in any part of the process. (10/12)
  - g. The club shall retain all official records on the matter (allegation, board report, and appeal record if any) in a confidential file as long as required by local applicable law, and shall send a copy to Kiwanis International, to be retained in a confidential file. (10/12) (10/21)
  - h. If an accused member is determined to have engaged in conduct unbecoming, some form of discipline must be given for the club to have properly completed due diligence on the matter. If a club does not discipline the member, the club shall be considered out of compliance with acceptable standards of Kiwanis International and may have its charter suspended or revoked as provided in the Kiwanis International Bylaws. (10/12) (10/21)
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## **POLICY B. INTERNATIONAL ADMINISTRATION**

### **16. Criminal History Background Checks**

#### **a. All Levels of Kiwanis**

Kiwanis International and any subsidiary, affiliate, district, division, zone, region, or club therein organizing a Service Leadership Program event where adults will have direct interaction with youth under age 18 must follow these guidelines. Criminal history background checks for persons listed below, when required, must be conducted and verified by Kiwanis International in accordance with Kiwanis International procedures. A clear check must be verified prior to arrival at the event. Persons who do not meet this criteria may not attend the event. (2/20, effective 5/20)

- (1) **Single-Day Events Without an Overnight Stay:** All Kiwanis advisors (club members and non-members) registered for or participating in any Service Leadership Program event must have a clear criminal history background check and must have completed Kiwanis International annual youth protection training. All other adults participating in single-day events must follow all Kiwanis International youth protection policies and procedures, a copy of which will be provided before the start of the event. (2/20, effective 5/20)





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## DISTRICT POLICY

### MISSION AND PURPOSE

The policies of the California-Nevada-Hawaii, District of Key Club International are the principles by which the District shall supervise Clubs, Divisions, or other groups of chartered Clubs and members within said District. These policies are subject to the Constitution, Bylaws and Policies of Key Club International. Further, these policies are subject to the Bylaws of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District and where these policies paraphrase or refer to the Bylaws of said District, said Bylaws shall be the controlling authority. In addition, this Policy Manual contains procedures by which the District will conduct its business and shall serve as a guide by which subsequent Board of Trustees may act. These policies shall remain in full force and effect until changed by action of the Board of Trustees of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District. Procedures to be used for changes to these Policies shall be found contained within the body of this Policy Manual. These policies and any changes are subject to the approval of the California-Nevada-Hawaii Kiwanis District Policy Committee and Board of Trustees.

This Policy Manual shall be the responsibility of the Policy, International Business, and Elections Committee, which shall review its contents for appropriateness and recommend changes thereafter. Changes to any portion of this Policy Manual shall require a revision date notice on the lower left corner of the page where the change occurs.

## 100 ADMINISTRATION

### 101 Definitions

All references in this manual to officers (Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, etc.) refer to the officers of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District of Key Club International. The Executive Committee is composed of the Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, and District Administrators. The California-Nevada-Hawaii Board of Trustees is composed of the Executive Committee and all Lt. Governors. The District Board is composed of the Board of Trustees and Committee Chairs. Policies are the ways these guidelines are carried out by the California-Nevada-Hawaii Key Club District. These are related to, but separated from bylaws, which are the rules.

### 102 District Policy

#### 102.1 Revision Procedures

Any Key Club in good standing or any District Standing Committee may present a proposal to add, delete, or revise items in the District Policy Manual. Proposals by a Key Club in good standing shall be sent to the California-Nevada-Hawaii Kiwanis District Office. These proposals will then be forwarded to the Chair of the Policy, International Business, and Elections Committee. The Committee will review the proposal and recommend action to the Board of Trustees at the next Board Meeting. Standing Committees of the Board of Trustees may propose changes to the Policy Manual. These proposals shall be submitted to the Governor and Chair of the Policy, International Business, and Elections Committee who shall review, submit, and recommend action to the Board of Trustees. Proposals for additions or changes shall be provided to each member of the Board for review at least one week prior to the Board meeting where the matter shall be considered. The Board of Trustees shall review these recommendations for additions or revisions and act upon them. Approval of the recommendations shall require a majority vote of the members in attendance. (2/10)

#### 102.2 Revision Effectiveness

The date of approval by the Board of Trustees is indicated at the end of each numbered paragraph. (12/84)

### 103 District Bylaws

#### 103.1 Bylaw Revision Procedures

Any Key Club or member of the Board of Trustees in good standing may make a proposal to revise the District Bylaws. In addition, any member of the Board of Trustees may make a proposal to revise the Bylaws. A proposal to revise the Bylaws by a Key Club in good standing must be submitted in writing to the California-Nevada-Hawaii Kiwanis District Office and received no later than November 1st in order to be considered at the following House of Delegates. This proposal must be endorsed by the Key Club Lt. Governor in that Club's Division and the sponsoring Kiwanis Club President. All proposals for revision to the Bylaws received by the District Office shall be forwarded to the Policy, International Business, and Elections Committee Chair and ~~to~~ the Key Club Governor. Any proposal not within the above criteria will be returned with a letter stating the reasons for non-compliance. A proposal to revise the Bylaws by a member of the Board of Trustees must be endorsed by a majority of the Board of Trustees at the Winter Board Meeting. All qualifying proposals shall be submitted by the Policy, International Business, and Elections Committee Chair to the House of Delegates for action. (1/91).

### 104 Relation to Kiwanis District

#### 104.1 Approval

Copies of the District Bylaws and this Policy Manual and changes shall be submitted to the California-Nevada-Hawaii Kiwanis Policy, International Business, and Elections Committee and District Board on a continuing basis for approval. (1/92)

#### 104.2 District Administrator

The Key Club District Administrator is appointed by the Governor-elect of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District of Kiwanis International. This individual shall administer the Key Club District within the Bylaws of Key Club International and the Bylaws of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District of Key Club International. Assistant Administrators may be appointed by the Administrator as required to fulfill specific objectives of the Administrator. (2/10)

#### 104.3 Kiwanis District Office

The Kiwanis District Office and the Director of Service Leadership Programs serve as the salaried personnel of the Kiwanis District (office). They are to assist the Key Club District Administrator and committee, the Key Club California-Nevada-Hawaii District Board. The District Secretary/Executive Director of Kiwanis shall be responsible for the safe keeping of the assets of the Key Club District together with the necessary accounting records. The Kiwanis District Secretary/Executive Director shall execute any and all contracts on behalf of the Key Club District with the approval of the District Administrator. (2/10)

#### 104.4 Region Advisors

Region Advisors shall be nominated by the Key Club District Administrator and appointed by the Kiwanis District Governor-elect. The Regional Advisors shall represent and assist the District Administrator within their Regions and shall act as liaison between the Key Club Lt. Governors and the Kiwanis Lt. Governors. The Regional Advisors shall help coordinate Conclaves, training conferences and other special events within their assigned Regions. They shall coordinate the various divisions and see that proper protocols are upheld during Conclaves. The Region Advisor shall ensure that the Key Club Officers within their Region fulfill the duties of their respective offices, whether those offices are at Division, District or International levels. In the event of a resignation or failure of any of these officers in the performance of their duties, the Region Advisor shall assist in the replacement of that Officer. The Regional Advisor shall assist the District Administrator whenever possible, including serving as Advisor to Board Committees and at Board Meetings, Conventions and Conferences. (1/20)

#### 104.5 Kiwanis Divisions

Kiwanis Division officers and appointees should not be directing in the operation of the Key Club Division. The responsibilities of Key Clubs are for their sponsoring Kiwanis Clubs and not to the Kiwanis Division. The Kiwanis Lt. Governor and Service Leadership Program appointees should assist the Key Club Lt. Governor by helping collect funds, assisting in the coordination of Division meetings when requested by the Key Club Lt. Governor, and monitoring activities within the (Key Club or Kiwanis) Division to ensure proper procedures are followed. (1/20)

#### 105 Travel and Overnight Functions

This section governs all inter-division and overnight activities for all members of the District. This policy is not intended to limit or discourage any events that are traditionally conducted in the California-Nevada-Hawaii District. It has been established for protection from potential insurance claims and/or lawsuits. This policy shall be used for all travel and overnight functions in this District. (1/20)



#### 105.1 Key Club Executive Committee Travel

All procedures noted below are the responsibility of the Officer requesting travel to initiate.

All travel outside of the home Region of the individual members of the Executive Committee, except as noted below, must be approved in advance in writing or electronic mail by the District Administrator. This request must include all travel arrangements including dates, times, details of transportation, and purpose of travel. Specific approval, e.g. hard copy of e-mail must be in possession of the officer when traveling. Exceptions include:

- a. District Board Meetings
- b. (Governor Only) Kiwanis Family District Conventions and International Meetings
- c. Key Club District and International Conventions
- d. Special Events ~~excepted~~ *announced* by the District Administrator in writing. (1/20)

#### 105.2

No more than two Executive Officers may travel to each Region Training Conference except under special circumstances with permission granted by the District Administrator. (2/02)

#### 105.3

The Governor shall travel to one event in each state of the District. The Executive Officers may travel to one event in each state of the District with permission of the District Administrator and if personal schedules, the Executive Officers' budgets, and events permit. (1/20)

#### 105.4

Those in Appointed Positions may not travel outside of their home Regions without specific approval of the District Administrator and Region Advisor. This approval must be in writing and in the possession of the member at all times during the travel period. (1/20)

#### 105.5 Key Club Lt. Governors Travel

A Lt. Governor may not travel outside the home Division unless attending Regional activities. to Key Club Events outside his/her division unless he/she completes and is granted permission with an Attendance Request Form. Region activities require advance approval by the Region-Advisor assigned to the Lt. Governor. Exceptions include:

- a. District Board Meetings
- b. Key Club District and International Conventions
- c. District Committee Meetings
- d. Region Training Conferences
- e. Special Events ~~excepted~~ *announced* by the District Administrator in writing (1/20)

#### 105.6 Overnight Functions

a. Any overnight function operated by or advertised as a Key Club sponsored event must be approved in advance by the District Administrator. The organizer of the function shall complete at least three weeks in advance of the event and obtain written authority before the event is publicized. The request shall indicate the date, location and purpose of the event, the responsible adult in charge, and the anticipated clubs attending. The District Code of Conduct must be enforced at all events.

b. The submitted Event Request Form Attendance must be approved in advance by the Region Advisor, and the District Administrator, or a designated alternate.

c. Extended trips by Club members of more than 24 hours outside the home Division must be approved by the Faculty or Kiwanis Advisor in writing.

- d. Approval by the school advisor, principal or other appropriate school official for overnight functions must also be obtained in advance.
- e. Each Key Club member under the age of 21 must complete the Medical Release Form before entering any Key Club Event. The member must have the form with them at all times during the event. (1/20)

#### 106 **Invocations**

At all formal meetings of the members of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District of Key Club International, the invocation or benediction is to refer to no particular religious sect or symbol. (1/91)

#### 107 **District Publications**

The California-Nevada-Hawaii Key Club District shall be responsible for providing the following publications:

- a. The California-Nevada-Hawaii CyberKey
- b. The California-Nevada-Hawaii District Guidebook
- c. The California-Nevada-Hawaii District Officer's Handbook (8/04)
- d. The California-Nevada-Hawaii District Newsletter
- e. Training Manuals (1/20)

### 108 **DISTRICT STRUCTURE**

#### 109 California-Nevada-Hawaii District

The California-Nevada-Hawaii Kiwanis District Board of Trustees has the responsibility for and control over the California-Nevada-Hawaii Key Club District, Divisions, Clubs, and their activities. The Kiwanis Governor (from October 1st to the end of the District Convention); the Kiwanis Governor-elect (from the end of the District Convention until September 30th); and the Kiwanis District Board of Trustees are responsible for counsel and advice, and have final authority for the functioning of the California-Nevada-Hawaii Key Club District. (1/20)

##### 109.1 Termination of Office

The Kiwanis Governor has the authority to terminate or remove any elected or appointed officer. (1/20)

##### 109.2 Boundaries

The boundaries of the Key Club District shall be the same as the Kiwanis District except where modified by action of the Key Club House of Delegates and approved by the Kiwanis Board of Trustees. (8/04)

#### 110 **Regions**

Key Club Regions are unique to the California-Nevada-Hawaii District and shall coincide with the boundaries of Kiwanis Regions as defined by the Kiwanis District Policy. The Regions are led by one or more Kiwanians appointed by the Administrator and approved by the Kiwanis Governor-elect to serve as members of the Kiwanis District Committee on Key Club and to mentor and train the Lt. Governors assigned to that region. (2/10)

#### 111 **Divisions**

Key Club Division boundaries shall coincide with the boundaries of Kiwanis Divisions as defined by the Kiwanis District Board unless modified for Key Club purposes. When a Key Club Division reaches a level of 16 active clubs, the Key Club District Board may approve a plan to realign and/or create a new division to best meet the objects of the Service Leadership Program with consideration to the needs of the Lt. Governor, the Division, and the Kiwanis Club sponsors. Any realignment of Key Club Divisions shall not be effective until approved by the Kiwanis District Board of Trustees. (2/10)

#### 112 **Clubs**

There shall be only one Key Club in any high school. (2/10) A Key Club may be established in a high school or equivalent educational institution upon the petition-by a Kiwanis club, Division, or District which agrees

to provide sponsorship for the proposed club according to the Policies and Procedures set by the Kiwanis International Board of Trustees. A Key Club may be established in a high school or equivalent educational institution without a sponsoring Kiwanis club in accordance with sponsorship rules and guidelines set by the Kiwanis International Board of Trustees; however, the Lt. Governor, Region Advisor, and Kiwanis Division or Region leadership team shall continue to seek a Kiwanis sponsor for such club.

Clubs shall be assigned to the appropriate Division as determined by the Key Club Governor and District Administrator and agreed to by the sponsor. (2/10)

## 113 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### 114 Members

The members of the District Board of Trustees, as specified in the District Bylaws, shall consist of the three officers of the District (Governor, Secretary, and Treasurer) a Lt. Governor for each Division, those persons appointed by the Governor to fulfill special positions, and the District Key Club Administrator. (1/20)

#### 114.1 Selection of Members

The District Officers are elected or appointed to their positions as deemed appropriate by the procedures for their respective offices. The selection of persons to fill vacancies, where not covered in the bylaws, will be determined by the Governor and the District Administrator. (12/84)

#### 114.2 Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall consist of the Governor, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the District Administrator. The Governor may add such other non-voting appointed officers to the Executive Committee, with the approval of the Board of Trustees. (1/20)

Executive Committee Meetings shall take place before all Board Meetings and at the discretion of the Governor. Meetings may include guests as determined by the Governor and Administrator. (12/84)

Duties during executive meetings shall include adequate preparation for Board Meetings, officer evaluation, and the preparation of new business for the Board. Minutes from these meetings must be prepared by the Secretary within 10 days after the meeting, signed by the Governor and Administrator and distributed to the members of the Executive Committee within 15 days after the meeting. (2/10)

#### 114.3 Appointed Members

Additional officers as deemed necessary and appropriate by the Governor may be appointed by the Governor with the approval of the Board of Trustees. Candidates for appointment shall be selected after review of a letter of application from the candidate. Appointed persons do not have voting privileges on the Board and are not Delegates at Large at the District Convention. (1/20)

The Leadership Committee shall consist of the Executive Committee, Committee Chairs, Committee Coordinators, Committee Mentors, and Administration.

#### 114.4 Honorary Members

Honorary Members of the Board of Trustees may be appointed at the discretion of the Governor and the District Administrator and may have no specific duties. (2/10)

### 115 Meetings of the Board

The District Board shall meet no more than four times during the Key Club Administrative year. These four occasions should include: (1) during the month of May (2) during the summer (3) during the month of January and (4) preceding District Convention. The locations are to be determined by the District Administrator and the Director of Service Leadership Programs. The exact times are subject to the mutual agreement of the District Administrator and the Governor. An invitation to attend all Board meetings should be issued to the members of the Kiwanis Key Club Committee, the Director of Service Leadership Programs, the Kiwanis Governor, and if applicable, the Kiwanis Governor-Elect. (1/20).

### 115.1 Dress Code

At all District Board training conferences, the dress code shall be business casual unless otherwise determined by the Governor and/or Administrator. At all District Board meetings, the dress code shall be business professional, unless otherwise determined by the Governor and/or Administrator. Dress code definitions and specifications can be modified according to current standards. These definitions and specifications must be written by the Governor in concurrence with the District Administrator and presented to the District Board by the conclusion of the Spring Board Training Conference. (1/20)

### 115.2 Code of Conduct

The curfew for each District Board function will be determined by the District Administrator. Unnecessary noise at any hour is prohibited. No intoxicants, tobacco, or criminal property of any nature will be permitted in the possession of any Key Club member. Members are not allowed in the rooms of those of the opposite sex. All those attending Board functions are to abide by the Code of Conduct and the Honor System. All attendees found in violation of these rules and regulations shall be subject to dismissal by the Governor with the Administrator or appropriate Region Advisor's consent. (1/20)

### 115.3 Agenda

The official agenda of all Board Meetings shall contain a Governor's report, a Secretary's report, a Treasurer's report, a report on Key Club International activities, and a District Committee's report. (1/20)

The official agenda of all Board Training Conferences shall contain opportunities for the District Committees to meet. (2/10)

## 116 Duties of the Board Members

The Executive Committee shall determine the official directives and responsibilities for the District Committees with the approval of the Administrator. They shall also determine the minimum duties and requirements for each Lt. Governor. The Lt. Governors and the Secretary are responsible for the creation of a District Directory that compiles all Club information. (2/10). The term for the elected District Board Members run from their retirement installment during District Convention to their retirement during District Convention. (1/20)

### 116.1 Elected and Appointed Officers

The duties of the elected and appointed officers shall be as described in Article V Section 4 of the District Bylaws. (2/10)

### 116.2 Lieutenant Governors

Each Lt. Governor must be a member in good standing of a club in good standing and have been a member of that club for at least four months prior to the election. Lt. Governors are elected at the Division level to serve as District officers and coordinate and report on the activities of the Clubs within the Division. (1/20)

#### 116.21 Duties

The following are basic requirements for a Lt. Governor. Additional tasks may be assigned by the Governor. (2/10)

#### Attendance

- a. Each Lt. Governor must attend: the District Convention where the Lt. Governor is installed, the three subsequent Board Meetings, and the District Convention and Board Meeting at the end of the term.
- b. The Lt. Governor must attend at least one meeting of each club in the Division and complete the Club Visitation Report subsequently.
- c. The Lt. Governor should attend at least one Kiwanis Division Council Meeting.
- d. The Lt. Governor should try to attend the International Convention during their term of office.

## Reports

- a. Reports listed below must be completed and submitted to the California-Nevada-Hawaii District Archive and Region Advisor by 6:00 pm on the 10<sup>th</sup> of every month during their term.
- b. The following reports are to be submitted.
  - Division Monthly Report Forms
  - Training Conference Reports (To be submitted only on the months that had training conferences)

## Communication

- a. The Lt. Governor shall publish at least 10 publications per term to keep the Division and all other interested persons informed of Division, District, and International activities.
- b. The Lt. Governor shall communicate with Region Advisor at least twice per month.
- c. The Lt. Governor shall communicate with their assigned District Committee at least once per month.
- d. The Lt. Governor shall communicate with each club in the Division every month.

## Promotion

- a. The Lt. Governor shall carry out the programs of the Governor, the District Executive Committees, and Key Club International.
- b. The Lt. Governor shall promote the organization of new Key Clubs in the Division and assist sponsoring Kiwanis Clubs in establishing the new club.

## Meetings & Conferences

- a. The Lt. Governor shall organize and hold at least 10 Division council meetings.
- b. The Lt. Governor shall organize and hold an Officer Training Conference (OTC) for the Club Officers serving in the Lt. Governor's Division.
- c. The Lt. Governors in a Region or nearby geographical area and the respective Region Advisors shall arrange and conduct a Region Training Conference for the Club Officers and members within the included Divisions in between the months of September and October.

## Division Leadership Team

*Each Lt. Governor may be accompanied by a team of division leaders, also known as the Division Leadership Team (DLT). It may consist of an Executive Assistant(s), number based on total home clubs, as well as one Division News Editor and task coordinators based on the Lt. Governor/Division's needs. The Lt. Governor may release application after District Convention.*

- a. *Only dues-paid members may serve on the Division Leadership Team.*
- b. *Applications and interviews for DLT appointments are required.*
- c. *Region Advisors should have input in the DLT selection process to ensure it adheres to Kiwanis Guidelines and Policies.*
- d. *DLT officers must sign the Service Agreement.*
- e. *Resignations/Re-appointments must mirror the District Due Process Clause for removing a District officer.*
- f. *Region Advisors should be notified and have input in the DLT removal process before the official removal.*
- g. *If a division officer may no longer serve in his/her position, the Lt. Governor may appoint with approval from the Region Advisor(s).*
- h. *Division News Editor (DNE) – Assists the Lt. Governor to publish monthly newsletters.*
- i. *Executive Assistant (EA) – Supports the Lt. Governor; specific directives will be created by the Lt. Governor at the start of the term. They may be one Executive Assistant per every five dues-paid clubs in good standing in the Division.*

## Elections

The Lt. Governor shall hold a Conclave, in which the succeeding Lt. Governor is elected. The Lt. Governor will then train the elect and ensure that the Division duties and important information are turned over to the new Lt. Governor.

## 116.22 Replacement of Lt. Governors

In the event of the resignation of a Lt. Governor or the failure of the division to elect a person to fill that office, the Governor and Region Advisor (with assistance from the local division) will select a person to fill that position. This selection must be approved at the next Board of Trustees meeting. The procedure for due process of a Lt. Governor's resignation may be found in Section 214 of this Policy. (1/20)

#### 116.23 Service Agreement

Every candidate for a District Office must submit a completed and properly signed Service Agreement. This agreement specifies an understanding of the duties and responsibilities of the position and a parent or guardian consent for participation, attendance and medical authorization. The form (s) as supplied by the District must be completed and returned to the California-Nevada-Hawaii Kiwanis District office by the date announced each year by the Policy, International Business and Elections Committee. (1/20)

#### 117 Duties of District Committees

The Executive Committee shall establish prior to the first Board Meeting how the Standing Committees will be organized during the year and clearly define the general description of work. District Committees shall include: Member Recognition; District Convention; Service Projects; Policy, International Business, & Elections; Kiwanis Family & Foundation; Communications and Marketing; *Membership Growth*; and Member Development & Education. (1/20).

##### 117.1 Members

The Governor shall assign Board Members to serve on District Committees. The Governor will appoint one member, who is not part of the Board of Trustees, as Committee Chair or, given no appointment, the Committee members may elect one from the committee. No Board Member may serve as Chair of more than one committee. The Executive Committee shall assign board members to committees. Committee assignments should be announced by the Governor before the Spring Board training conference. Training in the duties of the Committees and committee work procedures shall be established at Spring Board training conference. The Administrator shall assign a member/s of the Kiwanis Key Club Committee to act as Mentor to each committee. (1/20)

##### 117.2 Charter of Committees

Each committee shall have a specific charter established by the Executive Committee. The detailed duties may vary from year to year and expand during the year. (2/10).

###### 117.21 Member Recognition (MR Committee) Develop specific and attainable goals.

- a. Hold a committee meeting each month (or as necessary) beginning with Spring Board Training Conference.
- b. Propose revisions to the current Awards guidelines. Present proposed revisions to the District Board for their approval and revise the guidelines as approved.
- c. Determine the feasibility of any suggestions made by the District Board.
- d. Select suitable awards for winners.
- e. Establish procedures for contest judging and training of contest judges.
- f. Ensure that all proper judging materials and contest directors (Lt. Governors) are prepared and in place at the contest sites.
- g. Ensure that the proper awards and their recipients are recognized and brought together at the District Convention
- h. Be responsible for distributing any awards or certificates not picked up by winners at the previous District Convention. (1/20)

##### 117.22 District Convention (DCON Committee)

- a. Hold committee meetings each month (or as necessary) beginning with Spring Board Training Conference.
- b. Select a theme and logo for District Convention.
- c. Outline, prepare, refine, and revise the agenda for District Convention. The complete program of

events should be finalized by the Winter Board Meeting. Final adjustments before printing the program should be completed at that meeting.

- d. Approve a budget and registration fees at the Summer Board Meeting.
- e. Select a number of host Key Clubs to ensure that all aspects of the host committee tasks are covered.
- f. Coordinate with other Standing Committees, Task Coordinators and the Executive Committee to ensure that the requirements of all involved are considered.
- g. Select speakers, band/DJ, menus and other arrangements necessary for a successful convention. (1/20)

#### 117.23 Service Projects (SP Committee)

- a. Hold committee meetings each month (or as necessary) beginning with Spring Board Training Conference.
- b. Promote the Governor's Project, service project ideas, our International Service Partners, and International service initiatives to the Board and Club Officers by means of articles in the District publications, special announcements on the California-Nevada-Hawaii CyberKey and to the officer reflector groups.
- c. Develop specific and attainable service hour goals.
- d. Maintain accurate records through a recording process of Clubs' participation.
- e. Research and develop the next two-year Governor's Project for California-Nevada-Hawaii Key Club which can involve most clubs, promote Key Club to the public as a service organization, promote interest, and be of general welfare. (1/20)

#### 117.24 Policy, International Business & Elections (PIE Committee)

This committee is responsible for the maintenance of the District Bylaws and Policy Manual, notifications of International business, and supervision of the Elections process at District Convention. To perform these tasks, three focus areas are identified with required tasks. This committee will also hold a committee meeting each month (or as necessary) beginning with Spring Board Training Conference.

##### Policy

###### Bylaws

- a. Know, understand and be able to interpret the Bylaws of this District and Key Club International so that they may be properly applied.
- b. Review all proposals for revisions to the Bylaws and recommend action to the Board of Trustees.
- c. Ensure that proper procedures are followed in recommending changes and present the proposal for change to the House of Delegates for action.
- d. Ensure that all approved revisions are documented in the House of Delegates Minutes and incorporated into the District Bylaws.
- e. Ensure that the approved revisions to the District Bylaws and the House of Delegate Minutes are submitted to the Kiwanis Policy Committee and Board of Trustees.

###### Policy Manual

- f. Maintain and expand the District Policy Manual. Prepare policy where appropriate or request policy preparation by the appropriate person or Committee.
- g. Review all requests for additions or revisions to the Policy Manual. Ensure that proper procedures are employed and present the proposals to the Board of Trustees for action.
- h. Ensure that all revisions are documented in the Board Minutes and incorporated into the Manual.
- i. Ensure that the approved revisions to the Policy Manual and Board Meeting Minutes are submitted to the Kiwanis Policy Committee and Board of Trustees.

###### International Business

- j. Promote strong relations with Key Club International by educating the District membership about International business, programs, and visions of change.

###### Elections

- k. Oversee all aspects of the election and voting proceedings conducted at District Convention.

- l. Ballots shall be counted by advisors and members of the committee. Care shall be taken that the fewest persons possible know the outcome of the balloting until the final announcement. (1/20)
- m. SAA, caucus room moderators, and House of Delegates moderators have the ability to remove any disrespectful delegates and members.
- n. Not only PIE Committee members, but all District Board members help out assist in collecting ballots at House of Delegates. (1/20)

#### 117.25 Kiwanis Family & Foundation (KFF Committee)

- a. Hold a committee meeting each month (or as necessary) beginning with Spring Board Training Conference.
- b. Inform the District Board members of their respective KIWIN'S, Circle K, Builders Club, K-Kids, Aktion and Kiwanis counterparts.
- c. Update the District about Kiwanis Family activities, ways to promote Key Club, project ideas, and current and upcoming contests.
- d. Insure Kiwanis Family interaction at the Executive Committee level. (1/20)
- e. Promote the California-Nevada-Hawaii Kiwanis Foundation programs, activities, and events, with the support of the California-Nevada-Hawaii Key Club District.

#### 117.26 Member Development & Education (MDE)

This committee is responsible for promoting membership education, membership growth, new club building, the objects of this organization and the Key Club core values. To perform these tasks, four focus areas are identified with required tasks. This committee will also hold a committee meeting each month (or as necessary) beginning with Spring Board Training Conference. (1/20)

#### Technology

- a. Hold committee meetings each month (or as necessary) beginning with Spring Board Training Conference.
- b. Promote the International and California-Nevada-Hawaii graphic standards.
- c. Assist the Technology Editor with the California-Nevada-Hawaii CyberKey to ensure it is up to date, user friendly, and a valuable resource for members and advisors.
- d. Provide templates in various programs using graphic standards for use by Board members, club officers, advisors, and members.
- e. Encourage member participation in the graphics department and convention technology-based internships.

#### Resources

- f. Inform the Board and Club Officers about Key Club promotional literature.
- g. Develop a description of an ideal membership and procedures to use to attain that.
- h. Revise and distribute training materials.
- i. Gather resource materials to share with the District membership.

#### Education

- j. Educate the Board and Club Officers about effective membership drives.
- k. Assist Lt. Governors with RTC workshops.
- l. Plan subjects for Convention workshops and locate speakers. (2/10)
- m. Promote the objects of Kiwanis and Key Club.
- n. Promote the core values of Key Club.
- o. Provide materials to promote understanding of diversity and methods to embrace diversity.

#### Logistics

- p. Utilize approved assessment tools to determine areas of strength and areas of improvement as well as effective methods of education.
- q. Communicate with the District through established reflectors, Lt. Governors, and the newsletter to obtain accurate information and reporting.
- r. Provide feedback, support, and resources based on obtained information.
- s. Collaborate with District Coordinators, Editors, and Committees to provide for the District.



- t. Collaborate with District Coordinators, Editors, and Committees to provide resources for the District.

#### 117.27 Communications & Marketing Committee (CM Committee)

The Communications & Marketing Committee will focus on positive, purposeful promotion of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District and the Key Club organization, provide resources for club and district use, provide training materials for the Board, officers and members to use and access; promote the Graphics Department, and research and develop proposals for further district consideration. The Communications & Marketing Committee will also assist other committees with creating publications.

- a. Hold committee meetings each month (or as necessary) beginning with Spring Board Training Conference.
- b. Conduct responsible marketing campaigns in order to externally promote ~~externally~~ the programs and activities of the California-Nevada-Hawaii Key Club District and Key Club International
- c. Provide informational guides for the many different club and member resources and materials created by the district.
- d. To create and oversee special promotional projects for and at district events.
- e. Develop innovative membership recruitment, and membership retention materials. (1/20)

#### 117.28 *Membership Growth Committee (MG Committee)*

- a. *Hold committee meetings each month (or as necessary) beginning with Spring Board Training Conference.*
- b. *Develop resources, educational materials, and guides for Key Clubs to increase membership through improved marketing and new member onboarding.*
- c. *Develop resources, educational materials, and guides on how to build and charter new Key Clubs.*
- d. *Create manuals on how to reactivate suspended or inactive clubs.*
- e. *Create a strategic plan by the end of the year regarding the main issues of growth within CNH.*
- f. *Collect data on trends within the district regarding membership's opinions and attitudes regarding Key Club and identify new student demographics who are willing to consider joining Key Club. From this information, new marketing and recruitment strategies are to be developed by the committee.*

### 117.3 Committee Operation

#### 117.31 Meetings

Each Standing Committee shall meet at least once each month using District sponsored technology or other methods as approved by the Governor and/or District Administrator. Committee meetings shall be held at least once in conjunction with every District Board meeting. Additional meetings may be called by the Chair as necessary during the year. The Committee Secretary shall provide notice of committee meetings to each member of the committee, Executive Committee and Kiwanis Advisor/s at least two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting (this applies only to meetings not held at District Board meetings). The Committee Chair will also provide an agenda of the meeting at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. (1/20)

#### 117.32 Work Accomplishment

Each committee shall create an action plan and set goals to carry out the Executive Committee directives for the year, discuss procedures, and make assignments for the actual work to be done during the year. Work shall primarily be done during the periods between Committee meetings. They should be done using the district committee reflectors, telephone, or other approved methods. If a committee member fails to perform assigned tasks their actions shall result in disciplinary action or removal from office. (1/20)

#### 117.33 Chair Duties

The Chair of each Standing Committee is appointed by the Governor with the approval of the District Administrator. The Chair should become familiar with the directives of the Committee and discuss the plans for the year with the Mentor who is assigned by the District Administrator. (2/10)

#### 117.34 Organization

The Chair will appoint a Secretary to take minutes at all Committee meetings. These minutes must be submitted to the Governor, Committee Mentor, Committee members, District Administrator and District Secretary. The Chair may also appoint subcommittees as necessary to accomplish the work assigned. (1/20)

#### 117.35 Reports

Each standing committee shall present an oral report at each Board Meeting and submit a written report at the discretion of the Governor and District Administrator. The written report, approved by the Governor and Administrator, shall delineate the activities of the previous periods, the number of meetings held, the attendees at each meeting, and the recommendations to the Board. The minutes shall be included as well as any recommendations made to the Board. At the final Board Meeting at the District Convention, each committee shall present a written report of the year's activities and any recommendations for the next year's Board. (2/10)

#### 117.36 Committee Mentors

The District Administrator shall appoint Kiwanians as mentors to each committee. The duties of the mentor shall be to attend all committee meetings, keep in close contact with the Chair during the term, assist the chair in motivating committee members to participate in the work between committee meetings, assist the chair in organizing additional committee meetings, offer advice on matters of committee business, and assist the Chair in the committee reports to the Board. (1/20)

The District Administrator may appoint additional Kiwanians to serve as a support team to each committee. The duties of the support team shall be identified by the individual committee mentor and approved by the District Administrator.

### 118 District Convention

In accordance with the provisions of Article 7 of the International Constitution and Article 5 of the International Bylaws, the District shall hold an annual convention at a time and place mutually agreed upon by the District Board of Trustees, the sponsoring Kiwanis District, and the Board of Trustees of Key Club International. (1/20)

#### 118.1 Purpose

The purpose of the District Convention shall be the following:

- a. Transaction of District business, including the preparation and presentation of reports, the election of District Executive officers, and the adoption of District Bylaw amendments and resolutions.
- b. Education and inspiration for Key Club activities, reemphasizing the importance and value of the members, Divisions, Regions, the District, and International as a means of improving the efficiency and effectiveness of club operations.
- c. Recognition of members, advisors, clubs, and divisions for their accomplishments.
- d. Fellowship, entertainment, and training of officers and members.
- e. Development and selection of participants, contest winners and reports for the International Convention. (1/20)

#### 118.2 Location

It is the policy of this District to alternate convention sites, according to availability, California and Nevada cities. Convention sites will alternate as determined by the District Board of Trustees. (1/20)

#### 118.3 Code of Conduct

The District Board will set the code of conduct for the District convention prior to the Convention and shall notify all Key Clubs of the Code. The Code of Conduct shall be adhered to all persons attending the Convention. This code shall include a mandatory dress code, curfew, substance abuse policy and rules regarding the socializing between persons attending the convention. Violations of the Code may result in expulsion from the Convention, notification of their home Key Club, sponsoring Kiwanis Club and school,

and possible exclusion of that club from future conventions. (1/20).

#### 118.4 Security

The responsibility for maintaining security for the convention and the compliance with the rules of conduct for the convention shall be governed by the Sergeant-at-Arms Coordinator, District Convention Chair and the District Administrator. (1/20).

### 119 Convention Planning

#### 119.1 District Convention Committee

The District Convention Committee, appointed by the Governor, shall have overall responsibility for producing the District Convention with assistance and approval from the District Executive Committee, the District Administrator, the District Convention Committee Advisor, and the Kiwanis Director of Service Leadership Programs. The District Convention Chair shall appoint subcommittees as required to carry out the tasks to be performed at the convention. During the course of the year the committee shall carry out duties necessary to ensure a smooth flow of progress and a well-organized convention. Those duties include but are not limited to: (1/20)

- a. Spend the entire year becoming familiar with the convention site. Know the hotel, convention center and surrounding area thoroughly. Become acquainted with the hotel staff. Obtain maps of the hotel and convention meeting rooms to be used. (1/20)
- b. Organize subcommittees. Some functions are carried out by Key Club Standing Committees as described in subsequent subsections of this manual; others must be assigned by the convention committee such as host committee, dinner committee, arrangements, etc.
- c. Arrange the program (sequence of activities) by November 15. This is of primary importance for producing the printed program.
- d. Meet/communicate with the other Key Club committee chairs as necessary to ensure that they are aware of the arrangements and that the convention committee is aware of their responsibilities.
- e. Present the budget and registration fee at the Summer Board meeting.

#### 119.2 Sergeant-at-Arms Team

The Sergeant-at-Arms Coordinator shall be appointed by the District Governor and approved by the District Administrator. The Sergeant-At-Arms Mentor is appointed by the District Administrator. The Coordinator is responsible for seeing that the Sergeant-at-Arms Team shall carry out and enforce the Code of Conduct, ensuring to not abuse the rules themselves. Members of the team shall be selected/appointed from attendees at the convention. The team responsibilities include: (1/20)

- a. Preservation of order for all convention functions and in all the hotels occupied by Key Club members. The team will control all entrances for all meetings for the purpose of maintaining an orderly entrance and exit.
- b. Lending assistance to the Policy, International Business, & Elections Committee in maintaining control over the House of Delegates and caucuses.
- c. Ensuring all Key Club members are abiding by the convention Code of Conduct. (2/10)

#### College EXPO Coordinator and Service EXPO Coordinator

The District Governor will appoint a College EXPO Coordinator and a Service EXPO Coordinator with the assistance of the College EXPO Coordinator Mentor, Service EXPO Coordinator Mentor, and with the approval of the District Administrator. The District Administrator appoints both the College EXPO Coordinator Mentor and the Service EXPO Coordinator Mentor. Both the College EXPO Coordinator and the Service EXPO Coordinator are responsible for carrying out their duties of arranging and conducting successful EXPOs at District Convention. (1/20)

### 120 Convention Operation

#### 120.1 Registration

The California-Nevada-Hawaii District Office shall post all convention registration forms for all Key Clubs in the District on the California-Nevada-Hawaii CyberKey. Each Club shall complete the forms according

to instructions and return them with the proper fees prior to the deadline for registration. Any registrations received after the deadline may be returned. Only members in good standing may register for District Convention.

The District Office and the Director of Service Leadership Programs will make arrangements and contracts with the convention hotel(s). Rooming arrangements with the hotel will be coordinated by the District Office directly or through a local Convention Housing Bureau. All convention registrants must be housed in convention approved hotels. (2/10)

#### 120.2 Policy, International Business, & Elections Committee

The District Office will provide a list of preregistered delegates and alternates. The Policy, International Business, & Elections (PIE) Committee will be responsible to certify that no more than two voting delegates from each club are given credentials for voting. The PIE Committee shall be responsible for scheduling times for the credentials desk and shall provide sufficient Key Clubbers for registering delegates during the convention and prior to the commencement of the House of Delegates. (1/20)

The responsibility for ensuring that the election of District Executive Officers is conducted in the fairest manner possible falls to the PIE Committee. During DCON, the PIE Committee must fulfill these responsibilities: (1/20)

- a. Describe the election process to District Executive Officer candidates during the candidates meeting on Friday.
- b. Have a representative at the Sergeant-at-Arms and Caucus Moderators meetings to explain caucus procedures.
- c. Have a representative at the credentials desk during registration to ensure that delegate credentials are valid.
- d. Schedule the candidates and monitor the proper conduct of caucuses.
- e. Control the issuance of ballots at the Nominating Conference and House of Delegates.
- f. Conduct the voting and counting of ballots as described in Sections 121.6 and 121.7. (1/20)

In addition, this committee prepares resolutions to be read and approved at the House of Delegates recognizing those who have had a profound effect on the success of the district and the achievements of the district membership. (2/10)

#### 120.3 Member Recognition Committee

Arrangements for the presentation of awards at the convention are the responsibility of the Member Recognition committee in conjunction with the mentor appointed by the District Administrator. In carrying out these duties, the following should be included:

- a. Make arrangements for judges to be assigned for each contest. Coordinate the selection of Key Club members and Kiwanians with the Governor and District Administrator respectively.
- b. The Chair should ascertain the awards necessary and work with Administration to keep all arrangements in order at least two weeks before the convention.
- c. The Chair should send a memorandum to all judges and contest chairs at least two weeks before the convention reminding them of their responsibilities. They should receive a copy of the judging criteria and be requested to attend a meeting of judges during the convention where their entire duties will be outlined and questions answered. The Chair must ensure that the awards are in the proper places at the proper time for presentation.
- d. The committee must work closely with the Kiwanis Staging Committee to ensure that the entire Awards ceremony is properly planned, scripted, and staged. (1/20)

#### 120.4 Workshops

The Member Development & Education Committee, in concert with the District Convention Committee, will establish the workshops and seminars, select the presenters, and develop the schedule. The workshops will include at least a seminar for Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and the Governor's Project. (1/20)

#### 120.5 Convention Advisors

The District Administrator will select a District Convention Mentor from the Kiwanis Key Club Committee. The mentor will assist the District Convention Committee, be the primary aide to the Convention Chair and assist in the conduct of the convention. The mentor will consult with the local Kiwanis Clubs in the convention city to

select a Kiwanis Host Committee advisor. The principle purpose of the Kiwanis Host Committee advisor is to provide local adult support and community knowledge for whatever purpose it may be needed, including evening security, contest judging, and registration. (1/20)

#### 120.6 Board Dinners

Two dinners are to be planned for the Thursday evening before the convention opens; during the New Board training conference. One will be for the current Board which can be termed as a farewell dinner or evening activity. The Board Farewell Dinner is planned by the Convention Committee in conjunction with the Governor and is held at a location near the convention site. The second dinner is for the Incoming Board and is an informal affair.

The Incoming Board dinner is to be planned by the District Administrator and is held at the center or an approved convention hotel. This dinner is provided during the New Board training conference. Some Kiwanis Key Club Committee members should attend this dinner and assist in arrangements. (1/20)

#### 120.7 Guests

The District Convention Committee should make arrangements to meet special guests and entertainers and provide escorts if necessary. Reserved seating should be available for guests for each session and ensure that guests are aware of any special seating arrangements. (1/20)

### 121 Election Process

#### 121.1 Candidates Meeting

The PIE Committee Chair shall chair the Candidates Meeting on Friday afternoon of the Convention weekend. The current District Governor should be in attendance.

- a. Each candidate must attend the meeting. The failure of a candidate to be present shall result in the disqualification of that candidate. The Governor should be in attendance. This should be an informal meeting with the following agenda items:
- b. Candidate qualification check. Every candidate must have submitted all required documents prior to a specified date determined by the Executive Officers to apply for a District Officer position. (1/20)
- c. The rules of campaigning. The Chair or Governor shall present the rules to be adhered to during campaigning and the penalties for not adhering to them. The PIE Committee Chair will describe the campaign material posting rules. (1/20)
- d. Caucus rules. The Governor and PIE Committee Chair will describe the caucus rules to the candidates and discuss timeliness and maintenance of the candidate schedule. Caucus schedules will be prepared by the PIE Committee and provided to each candidate and Caucus Chair. (1/20)

#### 121.2 Sergeant-At-Arms Meeting

The PIE Committee representative will attend the Sergeant at Arms meeting on Friday to request assignment of Sergeant-at-Arms at the following meetings: three (3) persons at each Caucus (from the Regions involved), six (6) persons (not voting Delegates) at the Nominating Conference and House of Delegates. (1/20)

#### 121.3 Caucus Moderator Meeting

Persons attending this meeting should be the District Administrator, Governor, PIE Committee Chair, PIE Committee Mentor(s), the Caucus Moderators, and the Kiwanis Caucus Room Moderators. This should be an informal meeting and include the following items: (1/20)

- a. General Rules. The Administrator, Governor, and PIE Committee Chair will brief the Caucus Moderators and Kiwanis Caucus Room Moderators on the rules of conduct for the Caucus, the attendance requirements, sample question handout, decorum and the procedure to follow if candidates are late. The room must be clean when the caucus is completed. (1/20)
- b. Door Procedures. Doors to the Caucus Room will be closed when a candidate is present and will not be opened until the candidate leaves. Sergeant-at-Arms on the outside of the room will inform the inside guard of waiting candidates. No one, including adults, will be allowed to enter or leave the Caucus Room when the

doors are closed, except in medical emergencies. Doors may also be closed because of a private caucus meeting. The same entry rules then apply.

- c. Introductions. Important visitors should be introduced by the Caucus Chair at the discretion of the Chair or on suggestion of the Region Advisor present. (1/20)

#### 121.4 Caucus

The Governor will appoint a Moderator and assistant(s) to conduct Caucus at ~~the~~ District Convention. It is the responsibility of the Moderator to ensure that the members of the Caucus treat the candidates with respect and that the Caucus is conducted in an orderly manner. To aid the Moderators in attaining these goals, the following policies shall be followed: (1/20)

- a. Sample questions will be published in the Candidates Booklet. These questions must be approved by the Administrator and Governor. Questions that are personal, in bad taste, or of a harassing nature to the candidate will not be allowed to be answered by the Candidate. The candidates are not to be touched, asked to ingest any material or asked to partake in any behavior which is in poor taste. Rude behavior will not be tolerated. (1/20)
- b. To further assist the Moderator, one of the Region Advisors will be present during the Caucuses and will be responsible for ensuring that the policies of the District are followed. (2/10)
- c. To ensure that all candidates receive fair and like treatment during the caucus, a timing device will be used for timing candidate appearances. It is the Moderator's responsibility to ensure that the device is started when the candidate starts the presentation. The Moderator should ensure that the candidate is released at the scheduled time. (1/20)

#### 121.5 Delegates

Each Key Club in good standing is qualified to have two delegates to vote at the convention. The voting takes place at the Nominating Conference and the House of Delegates. In addition, each elected member of the Key Club District Board is a delegate-at-large and eligible to vote.

Ballots will be available at the entrance(s) of ~~to~~ the delegate seating areas. Delegates must be wearing a delegate ribbon that was previously issued at delegate registration. As these delegates are admitted, each is given a blank ballot and will be seated in the delegate section of the room. If a person leaves the delegate chamber, the ballot will be surrendered to a moderator and reissued upon return, with no proxy voting. (1/20)

#### 121.6 Nominating Conference

There shall be a Nominating Conference only for the District offices for which there are more than two candidates and for International endorsements for which there are more than two individuals seeking endorsement for President/Vice President or more than four individuals seeking endorsement for Trustee. The purpose of the Nominating Conference is to reduce the number of candidates for a District office or International President/Vice President endorsement to two or International Trustee endorsements to four. The finalists shall then compete for that office or endorsement at the House of Delegates. Where there are two or less candidates for a District office or President/Vice President endorsement or where there are four or less seeking an International Trustee endorsement, those persons will not appear unless approved by the Governor. The conference shall proceed as follows: (1/20)

- a. The membership of the Nominating Conference shall consist of the delegates-at-large and two delegates representing each club in attendance at the convention. Should a delegate leave the Conference prior to adjournment, the ballot shall be returned to the PIE Committee. When the delegate returns for reentry, a ballot will be returned with any offices invalidated for which the candidates have already appeared.
- b. The Nominating Conference shall not be a closed session. Entry and exit will be allowed when there are no candidates in the room. Delegates are subject to the ballot restrictions
- c. Observers shall be admitted to the conference at the discretion of the Administrator and Governor and shall be seated in a spectator section. No interaction with delegates shall be allowed.
- d. The Chair shall be the District Governor.

- e. The Secretary shall be the District Secretary.
- f. In the event that the District Governor is a candidate for office or absent, the District Administrator shall select another person as Chair. In the event that the District Secretary is a candidate for an office or absent, the District Governor shall appoint a replacement.
- g. The Tellers shall be members of the PIE Committee.
- h. The candidates will be introduced to the Conference and voted on in the following order: Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, and individuals that are seeking International Endorsement. There will be no speeches or questions. When all the candidates for a given office have been introduced, the delegates shall mark the ballot for that office and the ballots collected and counted by the Policy, International Business & Elections Committee. (2/10)
- i. At the conclusion of the voting and selection for a given office, a candidate not selected for that office may ask to be considered a candidate for International Endorsement. If that occurs, the candidate will reappear and be introduced with the International Endorsement. If the candidate declares at the beginning of the conference not to run for Endorsement, the person may remain in the Conference after the voting for that person's office. If the Key Club member is a delegate, the individual shall receive a ballot for all subsequent offices to appear. If the Key Club member is not a delegate, the individual may remain in the visitor section. (2/10)

#### 121.7 House of Delegates

The House of Delegates provides a forum for the candidates for each office to present their final message to the District delegates. At the conclusion of balloting for District offices, the Committee Chair will present any proposed District Bylaw changes that have been approved for presentation to the delegates. A majority vote by the delegates is needed for adoption of Bylaw additions or revisions. Finally, the Committee Chair will present the Convention Resolutions for approval by the House of Delegates. (2/10)

- a. The membership of the House consists of the delegates-at-large and two delegates from each club in attendance. The Governor shall be the Chair. The District Secretary shall be the Secretary. In the event that the District Governor is a candidate for office, the District Administrator shall select another person as Chair. In the event that the District Secretary is a candidate for an office, the District Governor shall appoint a replacement.
- b. When the Governor begins the House of Delegates, delegate entry and exit will only be allowed during periods between candidate presentations. If a delegate leaves the House, the delegate's ballot will be surrendered to a member of the Policy, International Business & Elections Committee. The ballot will be returned upon reentry with offices invalidated for all candidates that have already appeared regardless of when the delegate left the room.
- c. A spectator section will be provided which is separate from the delegate seating area for non-delegate Key Club members and adults. Silence must be maintained at all times during the House of Delegates. Entry and exit of spectators will only be allowed during periods between candidate presentations.
- d. When each candidate has completed their presentation to the House, they must remain in the House and sit in the delegate section if they are a delegate and be given a ballot for their office and all subsequent offices. If a candidate is not a delegate, the candidate must remain in the spectator section.
- e. When the marking of the ballots is complete, the ballots will be collected by the PIE Committee and remain in their custody until counted and destroyed. ~~Ballots must be counted in a manner allowing only the PIE Committee members who are not candidates for office and the committee advisor(s) to know the final results.~~ *Ballots must be counted in a manner allowing only the PIE Mentor(s), District Administrator, and Director of Service Leadership Programs to know the final results. Other Kiwanis members may be informed of the final results at their discretion.* Those results will be placed in individually sealed envelopes and handed to the person announcing the results at the designated time.
- f. The PIE Committee chair will collect the Governor's (Chair's) ballot and keep that ballot separate during the counting process. That ballot will only be used in the event of a tie. All ballots must be destroyed at the completion of the convention.

- g. The order of proceedings at the House of Delegates is as follows:
- Call to Order
  - Flag Salute
  - Inspirational Moment
  - Governor explains the procedures for the House
  - Candidates are called one at a time (Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, International Endorsement)
  - Candidates will answer Set Question(s).
  - When the candidates for one office have finished, the delegates shall mark their ballots for that office.
  - Ballots are collected when all candidates have finished their presentations.
  - Presentation of proposed Bylaw changes.
  - Vote on proposed Bylaw changes.
  - Presentation of Resolutions.
  - Vote on Resolutions.
  - Announcements
  - Adjournment.

h. The delegates must vote for one of the choices for each office. The delegates shall have the additional option of voting for "none of the above". This option for offices with only one candidate would mean the delegate is casting a vote of "no-confidence." This option for an individual seeking an International endorsement would mean the delegates do not believe that the candidate should be endorsed by the District. (2/10)

## **122 Member Recognition**

Each Key Club in the District is encouraged to submit an Achievement Report which is included in the club monthly report form, to nominate persons for the individual awards and to compete in District contests. Clubs should plan their yearly activities to take advantage of the most appropriate contests for their own situation. The Member Recognition Guidelines contain a description, prerequisites, and all necessary forms for all contests and awards. Annually, these guidelines are updated by the Member Recognition Committee, incorporated as District Policy by reference, and posted on the California-Nevada-Hawaii CyberKey. The procedures used at the Convention for Judging and presenting awards are found in the District Convention Procedures section of this manual. (2/10)

## **123 Election Processes (Pre-Convention)**

### **124 Club Officers**

Club elections should be conducted annually and no later than 45 days prior to the start of District Convention so that the new officers may attend District Convention and attend the training workshops. Club officer candidates must be members in good standing and meet all requirements specified in club bylaws. Club officers are elected by dues paid members of that club at a club conclave following election procedures described in the International, District and club bylaws. New officers should assume office on May 1 and serve until April 30. (2/10)

## **125 Lt. Governor**

### **125.1 Service Agreement (08/05)**

Each candidate for Lt. Governor must complete a Service Agreement form and submit it to the District Office no later than one week prior to the Division or Region Conclave. This form is to be available on the California-Nevada-Hawaii CyberKey. The form must have all of the required signatures when submitted. (2/10)

### **125.2 Election Procedures**

Each Lt. Governor candidate must be a member in good standing of a club in good standing and have been



a member of that club for at least four (4) months. The Lt. Governor is selected at a conclave held after the Candidate Training Conference and no later than 45 days prior to the start of the District Convention consisting of a maximum of two delegates from each club in good standing from the respective division. A quorum (50% or more) of clubs in good standing, must be present in order to proceed with the election process. The following procedures shall be used to elect the new Lt. Governor. (2/10)

- a. In order to run for the office of Lt. Governor, each candidate must submit to the District Office no later than one week prior to their Conclave, the signed Service Agreement form. Each candidate must attend the Conclave, no video or other electronic means of broadcasting are allowed. (2/10)
- b. In the case where the current Lt. Governor is seeking re-election to office and there are opposition candidates, the Region Advisor shall conduct the election proceedings. In all other cases, the current Lt. Governor shall be in charge of Conclave. (2/10)
- c. Each club in good standing is permitted a maximum of two delegates who shall be identified prior to the candidates' speeches. Each delegate shall vote by secret ballot after all the candidates have spoken and answered questions. All delegates shall have an option of casting a ballot of no confidence. Ballots left blank or contain multiple votes shall not be counted. (2/10)
- d. Each candidate shall speak of their qualifications for three (3) to five (5) minutes in front of the Division members at the Conclave. Immediately following the speech, the candidate shall have a period of four (4) minutes to answer any caucus type questions from conclave members. While each candidate is speaking, all other candidates are to be out of the room. (2/10)
- e. If there are more than two (2) candidates running for Lt. Governor, *there will be a nominating conference (refer to policy 121.6). The two (2) candidates with the most votes after the first round of voting will proceed into House of Delegates. House of Delegates* can include items such as a second speech, more caucus, or other approved (by Region Advisor) campaigning, and is determined by the Lt. Governor Host(s) of the Conclave. (2/10)
- f. The candidate with a majority (50% +1) vote in the secret ballot shall be the winner. The Lt. Governor will cast a vote, but this vote is to be kept separately and be used only in times of a tie. (2/10)
- g. When the balloting results in a winner, the Lt. Governor shall declare that voting is finished and announce the winner at the proper time in the agenda. (2/10)
- h. After the Conclave, the Lt. Governor and Region Advisor shall inform Lt. Governor-Elect of the tasks to be completed before District Convention. This includes completing and submitting the Conclave Report to the California-Nevada-Hawaii Archive, and submitting the Lt. Governor-Elect's name to the District Office and District Administrator through email. The current Lt. Governor should write thank you letters to the losing candidates, making sure they know about other leadership opportunities. (2/10)
- i. If there are no candidates for Lt. Governor, the Governor, and Region Advisor shall refer to policy 116.22 and do all in their power to find and appoint a Lt. Governor before the District Convention. (4/94) (Added by the Kiwanis Policy Committee) (2/10)
- j. The Lt. Governor and Region Advisor shall confirm that the Lt. Governor Elect is registered through his/her home club for convention. Convention housing for the Lt. Governor-Elect shall be arranged by the District Office. (2/10)

### 125.3 Campaign Material

Candidates running for this position must abide by the following campaign rules in order to ensure fair and unbiased elections:

- a. Candidates will only be permitted a Candidate's Profile, also known as a literature, which will be included in the Division Candidate Booklet published by the Lt. Governor, as campaign material before and during the election process. The Candidate Profile standards shall be consistent with those used for Executive Officer elections at District Convention. (1/20)
- b. The one piece of literature shall be defined as being one 8.5x11 inch page double sided, or two 8.5x11 inch single sided pages. The piece of literature may be designed in any way that is appropriate. Elements of the literature should include, but are not limited to: biographical information, resume, and platform. (2/10)
- c. The candidate will submit his/her candidate profile to the current Lieutenant Governor prior to the conclave to be included in the Division Candidate Booklet. The Lieutenant Governor will then distribute the Candidate Booklet to the division delegates. (1/20)
- d. The use of gifts or distribution of any other material (i.e. pins, candy, club visits, etc) is strictly prohibited, and may result in the candidate forfeiting his or her candidacy.
- e. Candidates are ideally to be judged based upon their qualifications and attributes at the Division conclave.

## 126 District Officers

### 126.1 Candidates for District Office

Any person who is a member in good standing in a Key Club of good standing of this District may run for an elective office on the District Executive Committee. To do this, the candidate must submit a Statement of Candidacy form stating an intention to run and Service Agreement. Information concerning the procedures for running for office and all forms are posted to the California-Nevada-Hawaii CyberKey by October 1. All candidates must understand, sign and deliver the Statement of Candidacy to the District Office by the date specified, which will be at least 30 days prior to the start of the District Convention. The parents or guardian of the candidate must also understand and sign the Statement of Candidacy and the Service Agreement in addition to the other required signatures. Failure to deliver these documents on time will result in the disqualification of the candidate. (1/20)

### 126.2 Campaign Material

Candidates will only be permitted a Candidate's Profile, published by the Policy, International Business, and Elections Committee, as campaign material. Specific instructions for providing material for inclusion into the Candidates Profile will be provided by the District Office and is also available from the PIE Chair. (1/20)

## 127 Financial

### 128 Member Dues

Each Key Club is required to pay \$4.50 per year for District dues for each of its members. International Dues shall be paid as required by Key Club International. Dues are effective on the date that the member is inducted, or, in the case of a continuing member, on October 1. A membership list, also known as the roster from the Membership Update Center website, must accompany the dues payment. (1/20)

### 129 District Budget

The District Administrator is responsible for the preparation of the preliminary District Budget and submission of that budget to the Kiwanis District office for preliminary approval and subsequent final approval by the Kiwanis Board of Trustees. It shall be presented for discussion at Executive Committee training and submitted for approval by the Key Club District Board at the first Board Meeting. The Budget shall provide for the needs of the Key Club District in accordance with its ability to provide income from dues and other sources. Lt. Governor budgets, as a line item in the District Budget, shall be formulated by the District Treasurer in a fair and impartial manner in consideration of Division geographical and size considerations. Lt. Governor budgets shall be approved by the District Executive Committee before being incorporated into the District Budget. (1/20)

### 130 Reimbursement Policy

The following policy shall apply to all expenses paid to Key Club District Board members in the performance of official Key Club duties in the California-Nevada-Hawaii District. (1/20).

#### 130.1 Board Meetings

- a. District Board meeting expenses for all members of the District Board are paid by the Kiwanis California-Nevada-Hawaii Foundation. Travel costs will be reimbursed. Vouchers for these expenses should be submitted directly to the Foundation Treasurer, c/o the Foundation Office and not to the Key Club Treasurer. Housing will be provided for one night unless otherwise specified. A meal may be provided. The Key Club member is responsible for meals not provided.
- b. Members are expected to arrange rides accompanying their Region Advisors. (1/20)
- c. If air transportation is required, the following rules apply:
  - Authorization to fly must be obtained in advance from the District Office or the Administrator.
  - Reservations will be made by the District Office.
- d. Vouchers for expenses must be submitted to the Foundation Office within the designated financial quarter of the Board Meeting.
- e. Expenses will be paid for three (3) Board Meetings. Expenses for attending the Board meeting at the Convention are not reimbursable by the Kiwanis California-Nevada-Hawaii Foundation. (1/20)

#### 130.2 Region and Committee Expenses

The following policy applies to all expenses for Lt. Governors in pursuing their duties within their Region and District Committee work and for Executive Board members in the performance of their duties as outlined by the Governor. These expenses are paid by the Key Club District budget funded by Key Club dues. Vouchers must be submitted to the Key Club District Treasurer. An electronic notification of all voucher submissions shall be sent to the Key Club District Treasurer, District Administrator, or designated individual, and the Director of Service Leadership Programs. The District Office will not pay any vouchers that have not been approved by the Treasurer. Expenses related to functions outside the Region (except for committee meetings) will not be reimbursed. (1/20)

Vouchers for expenses must be submitted within ninety (90) days of the date the expense was incurred. Vouchers for expenses incurred from the conclusion of the District Convention to June at the beginning of the term may not be submitted until July 1. Vouchers for expenses incurred during March and April at the end of the term must be submitted by May 1. Vouchers must be submitted to the Kiwanis District Treasurer. The Treasurer will denote the approved payment and send the voucher to the District Office. (1/20)

#### 130.3 Lt. Governor Division Expenses

These expenses will be reimbursed based on the Key Club General Fund budget. (1/20)

#### 130.4 Mileage Reimbursement

Mileage reimbursement shall be consistent with the reimbursement rate designated by the Kiwanis District Foundation (1/20)

#### 130.5 Telephone Expenses

Telephone expenses will be paid for long distance (and zone) charges or cell phone overage charges for minutes over the plan limits only. Duration of any call in excess of a time to be determined by the Treasurer and Governor will not be reimbursed unless a special explanatory form has been completed. Reimbursement will not be made for more than one call per day, two (2) per seven (7) day period to the same phone number. Calls of less than two minutes are not included in this restriction. A copy of all receipts must be sent with the voucher. This includes a copy of the telephone bill with the calls (and the person called) identified. (1/20)

#### 130.6 Committee Expenses

Expenses incurred as a result of District Committee work will be reimbursed based on the Key Club General Fund budget. (1/20)

### 131 District Convention

Complimentary housing will be provided for the three nights of the Convention for all Lt. Governors-Elects. Complimentary registration and housing will be provided for the three nights of the Convention for elected and appointed District Board members who have completed at least two-thirds of their assigned work for the year and at least 50 hours of community service unless otherwise specified by the District Administrator. This is funded by the Convention budget. No other rooming expenses are provided. No transportation reimbursement to the Convention is provided. If the Lt. Governor has funds remaining in their District budget, expenses for the Convention may be requested by voucher to the District Office and receipts must be provided. Requests for reimbursement must be made by May 1st. (1/20)

### 132 Training

### 133 District Board

#### 133.1 Governor

The Governor shall attend a Governors' Training Conference sponsored by Key Club International. The District Administrator will accompany the Governor. Travel expenses are included in the Governor-Elect budget. (1/20)

#### 133.2 Executive Committee

Each Executive Committee member should carefully review the files of the Committee predecessor with that predecessor. The Governor shall provide the criteria used by Key Club International to become "distinguished" and train each member using the outlines provided by International. Each member should attend the International Convention to be trained for such office. (1/20)

#### 133.3 Lt. Governor

There are various types of training, informal and formal sessions, which are available for the Lt. Governors. The Lt. Governor is expected to attend most, if not all, of these trainings during his/her term. (1/20)

#### 133.31 Pre-Convention

The Region Advisor will make arrangements with the Lt. Governor Elect to provide informal training as to the duties and requirements of the office. If possible, the Region Advisor should meet with the parents to further describe the Lt. Governor's tasks. (1/20)

The Administrator and designated others shall provide technology-based, formal training sessions on selected topics for Lt. Governors. (1/20)

#### 133.32 Convention

The day before the opening session of the Convention is a mandatory meeting for the Lt. Governor Elects. At this meeting they shall receive formal training in the duties of their office from the District Administrator and others. (1/20)

#### 133.33 First Board Meeting

A weekend of training will be conducted by the Governor and District Administrator during the month of May after the Convention and is intended to train and motivate the new officers in a positive and creative atmosphere. Other District Officers will assist the Governor in training as will special guest motivational and subjective speakers. A Lt. Governor Manual shall be provided and discussed which shall be used as a reference manual for

the remainder of the year. The Lt. Governors shall be introduced to their committees and receive the goals and expectations of those committees. (1/20)

#### **134 Candidate Training Conference**

The District will conduct training conferences for all candidates who desire to compete for a District Executive or International office. Every person who intends to be a candidate should, although not mandatory, attend a training seminar. Registration, however, is mandatory and preliminary assignments may be required. Information and registration forms are available on the California-Nevada-Hawaii CyberKey. (1/20)

The Conference for Lt. Governor candidates will be held at least 80 days prior to the start of District Convention at approved locations throughout the District. The conference will last one day and cover all aspects of the duties of the office and the techniques for conducting a campaign. A minimal fee may be charged to cover conference expenses. Ground transportation is the responsibility of the attendee. Required air transportation is covered by the Key Club District Training Budget. (1/20)

The conference for Executive candidates and those seeking International endorsement will be held at least 50 days prior to the start of District Convention at the Kiwanis Professional Center. The conference will last for one day and cover all aspects of the duties of each office and the techniques for conducting a campaign. Costs at the Conference are covered by the Key Club District Training Budget. Ground transportation is the responsibility of the attendee. Required air transportation is covered by the Key Club District Training Budget. (1/20)

A manual shall be provided to include most of the information covered at the seminar. The manual will only be available at the seminar. Candidates desiring to attend the Candidates Training can make arrangements or obtain information by contacting the California-Nevada-Hawaii Key Club District Office. Non-candidates may attend the seminar by invitation only. (1/20)

#### **135 Region Training Conferences**

The Lt. Governors in a Region or geographic area and the respective Region Advisors shall arrange and conduct a Training Conference for the club officers and members within the included Divisions. These conferences are held on a weekend Saturday and/or Sunday in August, September or October. All clubs in the included Divisions shall be invited and encouraged to attend with their advisors. At least one District officer shall be invited to attend and participate in the training sessions to conduct workshops pertinent to their respective office. (1/20)

#### **136 Clubs and Mentors**

Kiwanis District Policy, Section 722, specifies requirements concerning procedures for Key Clubs when participating in functions outside the normal club operation areas.

#### **137 Administrative Year**

The Key Club Administrative Year shall be from May 1 until April 30 of the following year in accordance with Key Club International Policy and Bylaws. (1/20)

#### **138 Election of Officers**

Officers for each individual club should be elected annually and at least 45 days prior to the start of Convention. The elected officers will serve as "officer-elects" until the conclusion of District Convention or May 1. This period of time should be used to train the officers in their duties and allow them to plan for the upcoming term. (1/20)

#### **139 Club Officers Training**

Officer-elects should be encouraged to attend the annual District Convention held immediately following their election. They should attend the relevant training sessions pertaining to their office at the Convention. All officers and interested club members should attend the Regional and Division Officers Training Conferences for

additional training. The officers should attend such additional training sessions which may be provided by the Lt. Governor and their sponsoring Kiwanis Club. (1/20).

#### **140 Good Standing**

Good Standing is a club or member status, depicting that the club or member is in good graces with the District and International with regards to financial status and in meeting Key Club standards. Nothing in this section prevents or overrules any action taken by club, school, or Kiwanis authorities on the local level. (1/20)

##### **140.1 Financial**

Any member or club more than sixty (60) days in arrears for indebtedness to Key Club International or to the California-Nevada-Hawaii District or for any annual dues to either International or the District, shall be considered not in good standing. All members of a club not in good standing are ineligible to attend both the International and District Conventions; its members are ineligible to vote at their Division Conclave, to receive any scholarships that are designated for Key Club members or to campaign for any Division, District or International office.

The club may be reinstated to good standing by paying off their debts to International and/or the District. Members on the rosters of each club will also be reinstated. (1/20)

##### **140.2 Conduct**

Any member or club that fails to conform to the Constitution and Bylaws and Policies of Key Club International or the California-Nevada-Hawaii District, or that fails otherwise to conform to the established standards and rules shall be considered not in good standing.

The club may have its charter and any member may have its membership suspended or revoked, or may be otherwise disciplined by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Trustees at a special hearing; provided that a copy of the charges with a notice of hearing shall be mailed by the District Administrator to the last reported President and Secretary of the Key Club and sponsoring Kiwanis Club thirty (30) days before the hearing. (1/20)

#### **141 Reporting**

Club Monthly Report Forms (MRF) are due on the 5th of each month to the respective Key Club Lt. Governor, sponsoring Kiwanis Club, and Region Advisor.

The Officer Information Form (NOIF) shall be submitted electronically on the California-Nevada-Hawaii CyberKey by May 1st. Any revisions may be submitted during the administrative year electronically on the California-Nevada-Hawaii CyberKey. (1/20)

Additional reports may, from time to time, be requested by the individual Lt. Governors or Sponsoring Kiwanis Clubs. These should be filed per the requested schedule. (1/20)

#### **142 Division Attendance**

Attendance at Division Council Meetings (DCM), Conclaves, and Conventions should be accomplished by the officers of all chartered Key Clubs. All members should be encouraged to attend as well. Invaluable information for the operation of every club is obtained at these meetings. (1/20)

Interclubbing is a worthy social and educational experience. All club members should be encouraged to attend. (1/20)

#### **143 International Convention**

Every Key Club member of the California-Nevada-Hawaii Key Club District is encouraged to attend the Key Club International Convention held each year during June or July. Registration may be done individually or as members of the District tour but all persons attending from this District shall conform to the rules and regulations governing the Convention and shall conduct themselves such as to reflect positive credit to this District. (1/20)

#### 144 District Tour

It shall be the policy of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District to support the International Convention. Promotional tours to the convention shall be prepared by the District Administrator and the Director of Service Leadership Programs. The Key Club District Governor and the Board of Trustees shall promote the convention in publications and on the California-Nevada-Hawaii CyberKey. The Governor shall lead the tour and be the responsible Key Club leader of the tour. The District Administrator, or their alternates, shall attend as tour leaders. (1/20)

#### 145 Conduct

Every person from the California-Nevada-Hawaii District attending the International Convention shall conduct themselves according to the rules of conduct as published by the International Board of Trustees. In addition, they shall obey rules established by the District Board or tour leaders and attend any District meetings as publicized. (1/20)

#### 146 International Candidates

The policies and rules governing candidates for International Office are published by the International Board of Trustees and shall be followed by any member of this District who is campaigning for an International office. The following items are recommended for persons who intend to run for an International office. (1/20)

##### 146.1 Candidate Training

Each year prior to the District Convention, a Candidate Training Conference is held at least 50 days prior to the start of District Convention at the Kiwanis Professional Center to assist those who wish to campaign for a District endorsement to run for an International office. Notice of the date and location is posted on the California-Nevada-Hawaii CyberKey and published in District publications. Those who are interested in attending, to gain knowledge on the role of Lieutenant Governor and helpful tips about Conclave, should plan to attend. Information may be obtained from the California-Nevada-Hawaii Key Club District Office. (1/20)

##### 146.2 District Endorsement

Those who are running for an International Office shall campaign for District Endorsement. Endorsement by the District signifies that the District has evaluated all candidates from that District for International Office and finds that one person is worthiest of endorsement by the entire District and is recommended by the District to International for support. All District endorsements shall be in compliance with Key Club International Bylaws. (1/20)

#### 147 International Elections

##### 147.1 Delegates

The International Nominating Conference allows only three delegates from a district to vote. The California-Nevada-Hawaii District delegates shall be the Immediate Past Governor, the Governor, and the District Secretary. If any of these persons do not attend the International Convention, the Governor shall confer with the Administrator as to the appropriate replacement and inform the International Office of the selection. To support a specific candidate in the Nominating Conference, the Governor shall confer with all delegates during a meeting of the entire delegation. (1/20)

The International House of Delegates allows two delegates from each club registered for the convention in addition to the International delegates-at-large. The persons selected by their clubs as delegates should be sure to register as delegates at the convention and participate in the discussion at the Caucuses and House of Delegates. (1/20)

No member of the District delegation shall campaign for a specific candidate not from the California-Nevada-Hawaii District: unless there are no candidates from this District or specific permission is given by the Governor. (1/20)

#### 147.2 District Caucus

The Governor shall act as Caucus Chair at the California-Nevada-Hawaii District Caucus at the International Convention, or; if the Governor is unable to fulfill the obligation as Caucus Chair, the Governor shall appoint an acting chair-, preferably the District Secretary and Immediate Past Governor. (1/20)

The Governor shall not appear in any District Caucus in support of a candidate other than one from the California-Nevada-Hawaii District. The Caucus Chair shall not ask questions of a candidate unless there are no questions from the floor. (1/20)

Attendance will be taken at each Caucus session. Failure to attend more than one caucus session will be cause for investigation. If there is not a valid reason for the absence(s), the Administrator/Tour Leader shall write a letter to the sponsoring Kiwanis and Key Clubs specifying the failure of the Key Club member to act responsibly at the Convention. (1/20)

### 148 Sergeant-at-Arms Participation

Current Lt. Governors and Club Presidents will be used to fulfill the District commitment for Sergeant-at-Arms. Other volunteers will be accepted. It is not District policy to require past Lt. Governors to participate in this activity. (1/20)

### 149 Social Media

#### 149.1 Expectations

Members of California-Nevada-Hawaii District should conduct themselves on social media in an appropriate and professional manner. (1/20)

#### 149.2 Personal Use

Displaying of illicit behavior is not acceptable for California-Nevada-Hawaii Key Club members: which includes but are not limited to drugs, alcohol, sexual content, inappropriate language or any illegal activity should be present online. Cyber bullying is prohibited including pictures, videos, language, or reposting. (1/20)

#### 149.3 Promotional Use

Acceptable social media programs for California-Nevada-Hawaii Key Club promotion includes Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, Instagram, YouTube, Tumblr, and Remind. The District Administrator must approve any additional social media sites. Members of California-Nevada-Hawaii Key Club should refer to California-Nevada-Hawaii Graphic Standards when promoting on social media. When using music or images that are mixed with Key Club images, ensure that all copyright information is attached and embedded. (1/20)

#### 149.4 Violation

If a California-Nevada-Hawaii Key Club Member witnesses a violation of the Social Media Policy, they are suggested to notify an advisor or Key Club officer. (1/20)

#### 149.5 Consequences of Violation

The consequences of violation may include, but are not limited to, dismissal. (1/20)

### 150 Violation of District Policies and Bylaws

#### 150.1 Review and Investigation

The Key Club Governor, District Administrator and Director of Service Leadership Programs, upon



receipt of written information concerning an alleged violation of District Policy or Bylaws by a Key Club member holding either an appointed or elected District position will commence an investigation concerning the alleged violation. The District Administrator and Director of Service Leadership Programs, will immediately notify the Kiwanis Governor and Kiwanis District Secretary of the alleged violation and status of any investigation. This investigation will proceed only if the Governor and Administrator determine that official action is required. Such investigation will commence within seven (7) days after receipt of the alleged violation and shall include the Region Advisor for the Region involved. (1/20)

#### 150.2 Due Process

Upon conclusion of the investigation, the alleged violator(s) will be notified of the violation by certified mail. Within seven (7) days after receipt of notification of the investigation, the alleged violator(s) may respond to the allegations(s) and request a due process hearing. Such response must be in writing to the Governor and District Administrator. (1/20)

#### 150.3 Disciplinary Action

The Governor, District Administrator, and Region Advisor will render a decision relative to the alleged violation and any disciplinary action to be taken within seven (7) days after the above response time has elapsed. The alleged violator(s) will be notified in writing within three (3) days after the determination is made. (1/20)

#### 150.4 Appeal of Disciplinary Action

The alleged violator(s) will have an opportunity to appeal to the Key Club Board of Trustees any disciplinary action taken. Such appeals must be made at the first Trustees meeting following notification of disciplinary action taken. (1/20)

#### 150.5 Report of Action Taken

After conclusion of the investigation and disciplinary action, a report will be made to the Kiwanis District Secretary and the chairperson of the Kiwanis Policy Committee. Such report will be made within ten (10) days of the conclusion of the above process (excluding appeal). (1/20)

### 151 Dismissal of Board Members

When it has been determined by the Governor or the Region Advisor that a member is not active, that member will be placed on a two week probation by the Governor after consultation with the District Administrator. A member will be deemed to be not active, and in the absence of unusual circumstances, if he or she does not submit a monthly report form or a newsletter or hold a DCM during a period of three months or does not submit a division directory by October 1. The member will be notified in writing, by certified mail, return receipt requested, that an improvement in productivity, activity and conduct will be required during that probationary period. If no improvement is shown, the Governor may dismiss the Board member with the approval of the District Administrator. (1/20)

A member may also be dismissed for cause for violating the Code of Conduct during any Key Club function or while acting as a representative of Key Club. A dismissal for cause may be made by a majority of the elected members of the Executive Board upon request of the Governor and District Administrator. The accused member may present a defense to the charge at this time. Any member may appeal the decision dismissing him or her to a hearing before the entire board. A special meeting of the Board may be called for this purpose. (1/20)

A member may be dismissed for the following reasons:

- a. conduct unbecoming of a Key Club member,
- b. failure to pay individual or Club dues,
- c. failure to maintain required scholastic standing,
- d. failure to perform required duties of the office.

Notification of the existence of any of these reasons can come from several sources, faculty or Kiwanis advisors, a member of the Board, Region Advisor, or the District Administrator. In each case the member shall be notified in writing, a hearing will be held the reporting person, and the results of the hearing will be provided to the accused within ten (10) days. (1/20)



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## District Bylaws

**CALIFORNIA-NEVADA-HAWAI'I DISTRICT**

*Key Club International*

Approved by the House of Delegates meeting  
in convention at Reno, Nevada on  
**April 2, 2022**

8360 Red Oak St. #201, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730-0608

# DISTRICT BYLAWS

The following sets forth the Bylaws of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District of Key Club International as approved by the District House of Delegates meeting in convention at Reno, Nevada on April 2, 2022.

## Article I: NAME AND TERRITORIAL LIMITS

**Section 1.** The name of this organization shall be the California-Nevada-Hawaii District of Key Club International.

**Section 2.** The boundaries within which it shall function shall be coextensive with the boundaries of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District of Kiwanis International. It shall be sponsored by, but not a part of, Kiwanis International. It shall operate under the responsibility and control of the Kiwanis District Board under which it functions.

## Article II: OBJECTS

**Section 1.** The objects of this district shall be:

- To promote the objects of Key Club International.
- To coordinate the district projects.
- To strengthen and extend the Key Club movement.
- To increase the fellowship and cooperative effort of the clubs within the district.
- To promote participation of the clubs within the district in the general objectives, programs, and policies of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District and of Key Club International.

**Section 2.** Additional objects of this district shall be:

- To protect the environment and to promote the eco-friendly movement.

## Article III: DIVISIONS

**Section 1.** The territory of this district shall be divided into regions and divisions, the boundaries of said divisions shall be coextensive with the boundaries of the divisions of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District of Kiwanis International. However the boundaries of the Key Club Divisions may be further subdivided or combined. Regions are composed of one or more Key Club Divisions.

## Article IV: MEMBERSHIP

**Section 1.** Each Key Club chartered with Key Club International within the boundaries of California-Nevada-Hawaii District shall be a member of this district.

**Section 2.** Any member club more than sixty (60) days in debt to Key Club International, or to California-Nevada-Hawaii District, shall be considered not in good standing with California-Nevada-Hawaii District.

## **Article V: OFFICERS**

**Section 1.** The officers of California-Nevada-Hawaii District shall be the District Governor, the District Secretary, and the District Treasurer, one Lieutenant Governor for each division of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District. Additional non-voting officers as called for in the District Policy Manual, or as deemed necessary by the District Governor may be appointed by the Governor with the approval of the Board of Trustees. Any district officer shall be eligible to succeed themselves. No District officer shall be eligible to be a club officer in their own Key Club for the year which they were elected or appointed to district office.

**Section 2.** Each officer shall be an active member in good standing in a club of the district, and each Lieutenant Governor shall be a member of a club in the division from which he/she will serve. No member shall be elected to office who will graduate during his/her term as officer of California-Nevada-Hawaii District.

**Section 3.** District Governor, District Secretary, and District Treasurer are to be elected at the District Convention. Each Lieutenant Governor shall be elected at Conclave prior to the District Convention. The non-voting officers of California-Nevada-Hawaii District shall be nominated by the Governor and approved by the Board of Trustees. All elected officers shall be inducted at the conclusion of the District Convention and shall begin their official duties immediately. They shall serve the following District, except for the District Secretary and Treasurer, who shall continue in office until May 1, following the Convention.

**Section 4.** The duties of the officers shall be as follows:

- a. The Governor shall be the executive officer of the district and shall preside at California-Nevada-Hawaii District conventions and at all Board of Trustees meetings. He/She shall be an ex-officio member of all standing and special committees. It shall be his/her duty to attend any convention of Key Club International.
- b. The Secretary shall keep all records of the California-Nevada-Hawaii district convention and of the meetings of the Board of Trustees. He/she shall submit to the proper officials and committees all communications received from Key Club International. He/She shall cooperate with the Governor in forwarding all official reports required by Key Club International. He/She shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to he/she by the Governor or the Board of Trustees.
- c. The Treasurer, shall review the receipt of all district dues, convention registration fees, and other district income and shall approve the disbursement of these funds as provided by the Board of Trustees or District Policy. The accounts and books shall, at all times, be open to the inspection of the Governor, Board of Trustees, The California-Nevada-Hawaii District Key Club Administrator, the Secretary or Treasurer of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District of Kiwanis International, and any authorized auditor. The Treasurer shall make a report at the annual convention and at such other times as the Governor or Board of

Trustees may require. He/She shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Governor or the Board of Trustees.

- d. The Lieutenant Governor shall be the executive officer of the division and shall preside over all division meetings. He/She shall carry out the programs and policies of the District Governor and of Key Club International in his/her division. He/she shall perform their assigned responsibilities as a member of the District Board of Trustees.

## **Article VI: BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Section 1.** The Board of Trustees shall consist of the District Governor, District Secretary, District Treasurer, and Lt. Governors officers of the District. -The Key Club District Administrator, or designee of California-Nevada-Hawaii Kiwanis governor, will serve as the ex-officio member of trustee.

**Section 2.** The management and control of the affairs of the district not otherwise provided for in these bylaws shall be vested in the Board of Trustees and in District Policy, subject to the direction of the District Key Club Administrator, the sponsoring Kiwanis District Board, and the Board of Trustees of Key Club International.

**Section 3.** The Board of Trustees shall hold at least two meetings during each administrative year, at such times and places shall be mutually agreed upon by the District Governor and the District Key Club Administrator. Upon the approval of the District Key Club Administrator, other meetings may be called if needed.

**Section 4.** The District Secretary shall notify each member of the Board of Trustees, the Administrator of Key Club International, the International Board Representative, the officers of the sponsoring Kiwanis District, the Key Club Administrator and the members of the Key Club Committee, in writing, of the time, place, and date of any meeting-

**Section 5.** A quorum at a District Board of Trustees Meeting shall be composed of one half (1/2) of the total number of members of the Board of Trustees, the provisions of section 4 having been complied with. All official actions of the Board of Trustees between conventions must be approved by a majority of district officers and the District Key Club Administrator. All official actions of the Board of Trustees between conventions must be signed by the District Governor, the District Secretary, and the District Key Club Administrator.

**Section 6.** In the absence of the Governor from a meeting, the Board of Trustees shall designate one of their members with the exception of the District Administrator, to act as Chairperson.

**Section 7.** Within thirty (30) days after any special or regular meetings of the Board of Trustees, the Secretary shall make a report of the proceedings of the meeting, comprising a complete synopsis of all action taken, and shall transmit a copy thereof to the District Board of Trustees, the District Administrator, members of the Key Club Committee, Administrator of Key Club International, and the International Board Representative.

**Section 8.** In the event the Governor is in any way incapacitated, a special meeting of the Board of Trustees may be called by the District Secretary, the District Administrator, or two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Trustees.

#### **Article VII: DISTRICT POLICY**

**Section 1.** The Board of Trustees shall establish standard policies for the execution of the provisions of these bylaws-

**Section 2.** These policies shall be compiled in a District Policy Manual and may be modified by majority vote by the Board of Trustees at any regular or special meeting.

#### **Article VIII: COMMITTEES**

**Section 1.** The Key Club District Committees shall be those as specified in the District Policy Manual or as organized by the District Governor.

**Section 2.** The duties of the standing committees shall be those specified in the District Policy Manual.

#### **Article IX: CONVENTIONS**

**Section 1.** The annual California-Nevada-Hawaii District Convention shall be held at such place and date between the middle of March and the end of May as shall be mutually agreed upon by the Board of Trustees of California-Nevada-Hawaii District and the Board of Trustees of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District of Kiwanis.

**Section 2.** The District Secretary shall mail to each club and to the Director of Key Club International an official call to the annual convention at least sixty (60) days prior to the date of the convention. The Board of Trustees, in accordance with District Policy, shall have full supervision and management of the convention under the supervision of the District Key Club Administrator and the Key Club Committee.

**Section 3.** Each club in good standing shall be entitled to two (2) delegates and two (2) alternates in any convention.

**Section 4.** The members of the Board of Trustees shall be delegates-at-large at all conventions.

**Section 5.** Each accredited delegate shall be entitled to vote on each question submitted in any convention. There shall be no voting by proxy.

**Section 6.** In the absence of the Governor from any convention of the district, the Board of Trustees shall designate a member of the District Board, with the exception of the District Administrator, to act as an executive officer.

**Section 7.** A quorum at any convention of the district shall be comprised of the official delegates present and representing not less than one-third (1/3) of the total number of clubs within the

district. In any year in which no district convention is held the District Board shall elect a qualified member of a club to serve for one year or until his/her successor is duly elected.

**Section 8.** Within thirty (30) days after any convention, the District Secretary shall make a report of the proceedings of the convention, including a complete synopsis of all action taken and shall transmit a copy thereof to the members of the Board of Trustees, the Key Club District Administrator, members of the Key Club Committee, and to the Director of Key Club International.

**Section 9.** Each district convention program shall include the following:

- a. Address by the Governor of the California-Nevada-Hawaii Kiwanis district, or the acting executive officer as designated by the Board of Trustees.
- b. The nomination and election of officers for the ensuing year.
- c. Such other activities as may be specified in District Policy.

## **Article X: VACANCIES IN OFFICE BETWEEN CONVENTIONS**

**Section 1.** In the event between conventions of a vacancy in the office of Governor, the Board of Trustees shall elect a qualified member of the Board of Trustees to become Governor for the unexpired term.

**Section 2.** In the event between conventions of a vacancy in the office of Lieutenant Governor, the District Governor shall appoint a qualified member of a club of the same division to be appointed by the Board of Trustees fill the office for the unexpired term.

**Section 3.** If a vacancy occurs in the office of the District Secretary, or District Treasurer between conventions, the Board of Trustees shall elect a qualified member of a club in the district to fill the office for the unexpired term.

**Section 4.** Whenever it shall appear to the Governor that any Lieutenant Governor, District Secretary, District Treasurer, or other elected or appointed officer of the district is failing to perform the duties of their office, the Governor shall give such officer immediate notice of the fact and shall follow District Policy in removing and replacing said officer with a duly qualified replacement to complete the term of office.

**Section 5.** Whenever it shall become apparent to the Board of Trustees and District Administrator that the Governor is failing to perform his/her duties, it shall be the responsibility of the District Secretary, with the approval of the Kiwanis District Governor, to call a special meeting of the District Board of Trustees to consider all facts and any reasons why the office shall not be declared vacant. In the event that the District Board of Trustees shall find the alleged facts to be true, the District Board of Trustees will request the resignation of said District Governor. In the event that a resignation is not voluntarily offered, the District Board of Trustees shall, with the approval of the Kiwanis Governor, declare the office vacant and the vacancy shall be filled in accordance with the provisions as contained in these bylaws.

**Section 6.** A member may also be dismissed for cause for violating the Code of Conduct during any Key Club function or while acting as a representative of Key Club. A dismissal for cause may be made by a majority of the elected members of the Executive Board upon request of the



Governor and District Administrator. The accused member may present a defense to the charge at this time. Any member may appeal the decision dismissing him/her to a hearing before the entire board. A special meeting of the Board may be called for this appeal.

## **Article XI: REVENUE**

**Section 1.** Each member club shall pay to the district for each and every member based upon the below district dues schedule:

Prior to October 1, 2022 the district dues will be \$4.50 per annum.

From October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023 the district dues will be \$5.00 per annum.

From October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024 the district dues will be \$5.50 per annum.

From October 1, 2024 and going forward the district dues will be \$6.00 per annum.

These dues shall accrue on October 1 and shall be remitted to the California-Nevada-Hawaii Key Club District Office by the individual club not later than December 1 of each year.

**Section 2.** The amount of district dues shall be determined by the District Board of Trustees, with approval of the district Key Club Administrator, and subject to approval at the next district convention. In no case shall the total district dues exceed the maximum amount paid for each member in International dues.

**Section 3.** Assessments in excess of the annual dues may be made only upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all delegates attending an annual convention.

**Section 4.** All dues shall be paid within sixty (60) days after the same shall become payable.

**Section 5.** The dues to be paid to the district by any new club admitted to membership during any fiscal year shall be the dues for each and every member for that year.

**Section 6.** Dues for members joining existing clubs, said clubs having already paid their dues obligation, shall be determined by District Policy.

## **Article XII: RULES OF ORDER**

**Section 1.** "Robert's Rules of Order" (Newly Revised) shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure not specifically covered in these bylaws or in District Policy.

## **Article XIII: KEY CLUB YEAR**

**Section 1.** The California-Nevada-Hawaii District Key Club Administrative Year shall be from the conclusion of the annual District Convention to the conclusion of the next annual District Convention.

**Section 2.** The Fiscal Year shall be from July 1 through June 30.

**Section 3.** The Key Club Administrative Year shall be as specified by Key Club International.

## **Article XIV: AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1.** Amendments to these bylaws shall be made only at conventions by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of delegates present, in accordance with the following:

- a. Any Key Club in good standing may make a proposal to revise the District Bylaws. In addition any member of the Board of Trustees may make a proposal to revise the Bylaws.
- b. A proposal to amend the Bylaws by a California-Nevada-Hawaii Key Club in good standing must be submitted in writing to the California-Nevada-Hawaii Kiwanis District Office and received not later than November 1 in order to be considered at the following House of Delegates. This proposal must be endorsed by the California-Nevada-Hawaii Key Club Lt. Governor in that Club's Division and by the sponsoring Kiwanis Club President.
- c. All proposals for amendment of the Bylaws received by the District Office shall be forwarded to the district standing committee as defined by the District Policy Manual to be responsible for district bylaws and policy Committee Chairperson and to the Key Club District Governor. Any proposals not within the above criteria will be returned with a letter stating the reasons for non-compliance.
- d. A proposal to revise the Bylaws by a member of the Board of Trustees must be endorsed by a majority of the Board of Trustees at the Winter Board Meeting.
- e. All qualifying proposals shall be submitted by the district standing committee as defined by the District Policy Manual to be responsible for district bylaws and policy Committee Chairperson to the House of Delegates for action.

## **Article XV: APPROVAL**

**Section 1.** These Bylaws and all amendments or additions shall not become effective until they have been approved by the sponsoring Kiwanis District Board and the Key Club International Director and/or the Key Club International Board.

**Approved by the Key Club District House of Delegates on April 2, 2022**