

## Supplemental Information to Proposed Bylaw Amendments 2010 Kiwanis International Convention • Las Vegas

### KEYPAD VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

- Wait until the President says "Vote now."
- You will have 20 seconds to vote each time.
- Press the button corresponding to your choice. Your selection appears *briefly* in keypad display.
- A countdown clock will be shown on the big screen.
- Only your *last* press before the clock expires will be counted.
- No accidental presses will be counted between official votes.
- One person, one keypad, one vote.
- Units and system have been pre-checked against potential problems.
- If needed, consult the experts at the table where you entered.
- After the session, deposit your keypad in the collection bins at the exit doors.

### AMENDMENT #1: CHANGING REGION NUMBERS TO NAMES

**Technical Correction:** The cross-outs and underlining in Section 1c(4) should read as follows:

(4) ~~(1) Region I~~ The United States Region ~~(b) Region I~~ is guaranteed nine (9) Trustees, ~~(a) Trustees shall~~ to be elected at-large by delegates from ~~Region I~~ that Region at the annual International convention until such time that an alternate plan is presented by ~~Region I~~ the region and approved by the Board of Trustees. (7/98)

**Information:** If Amendment #1 passes, the following new policy\* will be implemented:

D. Districts and Clubs  
3. Regions

Kiwanis International is divided into seven (7) regions, further defined as follows:

- Africa: The continent of Africa
- Asia-Pacific: The area generally considered to be 'Asia' plus the island nations in the western Pacific Ocean, including the continent of Australia
- Canada and Caribbean: The Eastern Canada and Caribbean District and the Western Canada District
- Europe: The area generally considered to be Europe, including Eastern Europe
- Latin America: Central America and South America
- Middle East: The area generally considered to be 'the Middle East'
- United States: All districts that include one (1) or more of the 50 states of the United States, which includes the Pacific Northwest District.

### AMENDMENT #2: DISCIPLINE OF INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS

**Information:** If Amendment #2 passes, the following new policy\* will be implemented:

B. International Administration

15. Accountability of Kiwanis International Officers

All Officers of Kiwanis International, which includes district governors, and all offices in direct line of succession to Governor are subject to the same ethical standards and disciplinary actions.

### AMENDMENT #3: CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECKS

**Technical Correction:** The cross-outs and underlining of the text of Section 3a(4) should read as follows:

- (4) No person shall be considered as a candidate until or unless the following requirements have been met:
- ~~without the~~ Written consent of such person has been given ~~having been obtained.~~ (6/95)
  - ~~(5) No person shall be considered as a candidate without the~~ Prior endorsement of the candidate's district board of trustees or district house of delegates ~~having been obtained~~ has been provided. (6/99)
  - A clear criminal history background check verified and conducted by Kiwanis International

**Information:** If Amendment #3 passes, the following new policy\* will be implemented:

#### B. International Administration

##### 14. Criminal History Background Checks for Specified Officers and Candidates

Kiwanis International requires any current International Officer (the International Board and District Governors) or candidate for an International Office, as well as any current officers or candidates for offices in direct line of succession to Governor (all hereafter referred to as "specified office" or "specified officer"), to submit to a criminal history background check as part of the eligibility criteria to hold that office. Successful completion of the background check (a "clear check") is based on verification that none of the convictions stated in Procedure or similar thereto have been determined for that person. A clear check is necessary to be an eligible candidate for a specified office and thus must be completed before the candidate elections are held.

Kiwanis International recognizes only its own criminal history background check process as valid. All background checks shall be reviewed and evaluated by the Executive Director or designee based on criteria stated in Procedure, and the International Board shall only be advised if a check indicates a problem or concern that may require further investigation or disciplinary action.

Any officer or candidate subject to disciplinary action by the International Board shall have the right to appeal such action as detailed in Procedure. The International Board shall have final authority on the matter.

Background checks are valid for a period of two years. All current and incoming specified officers and candidates for such offices who have not had a clear criminal history background check conducted and verified by Kiwanis within the past two years are subject to a new check.

(See also Procedure 197, which covers: Responsibility for Cost; Convictions Within the Last 10 Years That Cause Ineligibility; Convictions at Any Time That Cause Ineligibility; Discipline; and Appeals Process, as well as Procedure 127 which covers appointment of the Appeals Committee.)

### AMENDMENT #6: CLUB CONVENTION FEE FOR INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

#### **Information:**

At its meeting held April 21-24, 2010, the Kiwanis International Board resolved that, "if the amendment to Article XXII, new Section 5, (Proposed Amendment #6) is adopted at the 2010 International Convention, thereby establishing a club convention fee, the Kiwanis International Board approves such fee as US\$200 for Tier A clubs, US\$130 for Tier B clubs; and US\$90 for Tier C clubs."

The Board further resolved that, "if the amendment to Article XXII, new Section 5 (Proposed Amendment #6) is not adopted, the Kiwanis International Board approves registration fees for the 2011 Kiwanis International Convention in Geneva, Switzerland, as \$350 for members and \$100 for guests registering by January 31 and \$425 for members and \$150 for guests registering after January 31."

*\*Note: As provided in the Bylaws, the Kiwanis International Board establishes Policies, which are not open to amendment by the House of Delegates. These policies are shown for informational purposes only.*