

**CHAPTER IX
FOUNDATIONS AND SOCIETIES**

NOTE: The following Foundations and Societies are operating within the boundaries of MD19, having received the approval of the Council at a regular meeting of that body, as per the requirements stated in the MD19 Constitution & By-laws, Article V, Section 3.

CRITERIA FOR USE OF THE LIONS NAME AND/OR EMBLEM

The International Board of Directors has adopted the following criteria for use of the Lions name and/or emblem. All of these criteria must be met before the International Board will authorize any Lions controlled organization to use the Lions name and/or emblem in connection with its lawful operation.

When submitting an Application for Use of the Lions Name and/or Emblem each organization shall:

1. Submit a copy of its Articles of Incorporation and/or By-Laws which states that:
 - a) At least a majority of its Board of Directors are Lions Club members;
 - b) Amendments to the organization's Articles of Incorporation /By-Laws shall be approved by the general membership of the organization at a District convention or regular annual meeting;
 - c) Membership consists of Lions Clubs or Club members in good standing;
 - d) The applying organization will enhance the image of Lionism;
 - e) Its purpose is consistent and does not conflict with the Association's goals and activities;
 - f) It shall use the Lions name and emblem prominently in its name and operation, including literature, promotional material and activities;
 - g) The organization does not permit proxy voting;
 - h) It does not assess or require any mandatory dues of its member Lions Clubs or Club members.
2. Be requested to submit a list of its sponsors and evidence that the sponsoring Lions have approved the project;
3. Not compete with the existence and activities of LCIF;

When Considering an Application to Use the Lions Name and/or Emblem

The International board of Directors may also consider any other such relevant factors which it may deem relevant to the applying organization's application and/or operation.

If a Conditional License is Issued to Use the Lions Name and/or Emblem

All conditions of the license must be fulfilled within one year or the license will be revoked.

If an Unconditional License is Issued or When the Conditions of a Conditional License are Met

The Organization must:

1. Submit annually by July 1 its current Articles of Incorporation / By-Laws and list of sponsors.
2. Organizations which are licensed must continue to meet all criteria in order for them to continue to enjoy a license to use the Association's name and/or emblem.

A. GUIDELINES FOR ESTABLISHING AN MD19 FOUNDATION OR SOCIETY:

1. If an affiliation of Lions (in two or more sub districts in MD19) from within the boundaries of MD19 desires to form a foundation or society with the intent to use the Lions name or emblem, or designation of Multiple District/District/International Association of Lions Clubs as identifier with their efforts they shall first appear before the Council at a regularly scheduled meeting to inform that body of a) their intentions, b) services they would anticipate providing, c) recipients of such services, d) fund raising anticipated to provide services, and e) benefits to the goals and objectives of Lionism within MD19; and seek Council's permission to further investigate and prepare for acceptance of said entity. If the Council approves their proposal by a majority vote, said affiliation will be given permission to proceed with further research, fact finding and the opportunity to come before the Council at a subsequent regular meeting for the purpose of seeking the Council's endorsement.
2. An affiliation which has previously been given preliminary approval by the Council to proceed (see above), and wishes to bring their final presentation to the Council shall request time on the agenda of the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting by contacting the Council Chairperson, and the Executive Secretary/Treasurer, in writing no later than thirty (30) days prior to said meeting.

3. The following documents shall be provided to each member of the Council no later than fifteen (15) days preceding the date on which the affiliation is scheduled to appear before the Council for their final presentation:
 - a. A mission and/or policy statement, including specific purpose and intent of said foundation or society.
 - b. A proposed Constitution & Bylaws, signed off as to form by the Legal Counsel of the International Association of Lions Clubs allowing the use of the Lions name and emblem if subsequently approved by the Council.
 - c. An outline of proposed fund raising activities and an estimate of both revenues and expenditures. **NOTE: No direct solicitation from Lions Clubs may be included in the fund raising for any future MD19 Foundations or Societies without prior approval of the Council of Governors by a two-thirds majority vote.**
 - d. A proposed 5 year long range plan.
 - e. A statement as to the anticipated benefit(s) to the recipients of this entity's service efforts.
4. The affiliation shall have a knowledgeable representative present at the Council Meeting at which the request is being made for final approval, in order to answer any questions from the Council or others in attendance.
5. The Council having received all documents required within the stated deadline, and any additional information which may have been brought forth during final presentations shall by Council action place upon the agenda of their next regular meeting an "action item" to vote upon the acceptance of the entity proposed.
6. Approval to create a new foundation or society by the Council, following compliance with all requirements so stated, shall be by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Council.

B. FOUNDATIONS:

1. **MD19 LIONS SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION**

The purpose of this Foundation shall be:

- a. To provide the instruction of transferable leadership skills at all levels of Lions Clubs International, and also to members of other organizations and businesses.
- b. To present educational seminars, forums, panels, lectures, and discussion groups about the programs offered by this foundation, Lions Clubs International and Multiple District 19.
- c. To develop and implement a public relations outreach that promotes positive community involvement and leadership skill development by service-minded individuals.
- d. To encourage those with leadership abilities to achieve continued personal growth by accepting challenges and opportunities in community service locally, regionally, nationally, and/or internationally.

2. **NORTHWEST LIONS EYEGLOSS RECYCLING CENTER**

The purpose of this Foundation shall be:

- a. To develop, fund and operate a Lions eyeglass recycling center.
- b. In partnership with Lions Clubs provide used eyeglasses for people in developing countries via humanitarian groups.

3. **NORTHWEST LIONS FOUNDATION FOR SIGHT AND HEARING**

The purpose of this Foundation shall be to:

- a. Maintain one (1) or more Eye Banks; promote organ and tissue donations; promote eye sight conservation, and rehabilitation programs for the blind; foster education and research into the causes, cures, diseases and injuries of the eye.
- b. To promote hearing conservation and aid the hearing impaired: foster education and research to the causes, cures, diseases to the organs of hearing.
- c. To conduct fund raising projects; accept memorials, gifts, funds and property; and allocate assets received to fund the purposes of the Foundation

4. **YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

To facilitate the work and activities of the members of the Lions clubs in Multiple District 19 pertinent in the following Lions Youth Exchange activities:

- a) To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world with:
 - 1) Visiting youth from other nations and their host families in Multiple District 19 and
 - 2) Between visiting youth from Multiple District 19 and their host families of other nations.
- b) To engage in fund raising projects and receive gifts of funds or property to support the above purposes.

3. **YOUTH OUTREACH FOUNDATION**: The purpose of the Foundation shall be to promote awareness by the Lions and Lioness Clubs of MD19 of the many youth activities available to them under the Youth Outreach Umbrella and to solicit funding, both locally and within the Foundation's scope, to assist in financing present and future programs.

C. **SOCIETIES**:

1. **BRITISH COLUMBIA LIONS SOCIETY FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES**:

The purposes of this Society shall be to: maintain three (3) or more camps for the disabled, and one (1) Easter Seal Houses; provide transportation, medical, recreational and other services to the disabled; housing for indigent relatives or guardians of disabled children; conduct fund raising projects; accept memorials, gifts, funds and property; and allocate assets to fund the purposes of the Society.

2. **LIONS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA HEARING CONSERVATION SOCIETY**:

The purpose of this society is and shall be to foster and promote hearing conservation, aid to the deaf, deafened and hearing impaired in the Province of British Columbia along with other related programs which may be approved by the Board of Directors and the Society.