

# Minnesota-Dakotas District Convention 2020 House of Delegates

## Proposed Bylaw Amendments Summary

### Proposed Amendment 1

Appears: Article V Sections 4a, 4b, 6; Article VII Section 2

Summary: Any singular pronouns appearing in such form as "he/she," "him/her" and "his/hers" will be changed to the equivalent "they/them/theirs."

As written:

The Governor shall have the duty of furthering the objects of Circle K International and promoting the interests of Circle K clubs within his/her district. He/she will work closely with other International and district officers to strengthen and expand Circle K.

Proposed Change:

The Governor shall have the duty of furthering the objects of Circle K International and promoting the interests of Circle K clubs within ~~his/her~~ **their** district. ~~He/she~~ **They** will work closely with other International and district officers to strengthen and expand Circle K.

Reason: This is the grammatically correct form, and it is more inclusive.

### Proposed Amendment 2

Appears: Article VI Section 1

Summary: Establish district chairs as district board members.

As written:

The board of officers of this district shall consist of the Governor, the Secretary, the three Lieutenant Governors, and the Bulletin Editor. The District Administrator, and Assistant Administrators shall serve as non-voting ex-officio members of the board.

Proposed change:

The board of officers of this district shall consist of the Governor, the Secretary, the three Lieutenant Governors, and the Bulletin Editor. The District Administrator, ~~and~~ Assistant Administrators, **and District Chairpersons** shall serve as non-voting ex-officio members of the board.

Reason: This reflects current practices of the district board in which district chairs participate in the same capacity as other board members.

### **Proposed Amendment 3**

Appears: Article VII Sections 1, 2

Summary: Eliminate Section 1 of Article VII which defines specific required district committees.

As written:

#### **Article VII Committees**

Section 1. The titles and duties of district standing committees shall be as follows:

- a. The Membership Development and Education committee shall cooperate with all of the clubs in this district to assist them in the maintenance of an adequate membership of appropriate standards, in the proper education and induction of new members, in the utilization of all members, in the development and attainment of Minimum Membership Requirements, and in the promotion of regular attendance at club meetings.
- b. The Kiwanis Family Relations Committee shall work to improve the relationship between all Kiwanis and Kiwanis sponsored organizations. It shall be responsible for developing projects and educational programs to expand and strengthen the bonds between these organizations.
- c. The Bylaws and Regulations Committee shall insure ensure that the district and clubs are obeying the regulations and guidelines of Circle K International. It shall be responsible for all revisions of the district bylaws

and policy code. It shall also review all club bylaws submitted for district approval, make revisions and approval recommendations to the District Board of officers, and forward approved bylaws to the International Office for final approval by the International Board of Representatives. The committee may also be responsible for revising convention award forms, officer service agreements, and/or report forms.

d. The Service Committee shall present suggestions for a district service project to the District Board of officers for approval. The district project shall be incorporated for a minimum of two (2) years. The committee shall also promote the district project to clubs, set a goal for the district and individual clubs pertaining to the district project, and (if requested by the Governor) give a presentation at selected district events. The Service Committee shall also promote the International Service Initiative and various other service projects to clubs within the district.

e. The Minn-Dak Milky Way Committee shall evaluate the effectiveness of the program and make necessary changes to improve the incentive program. The committee shall also update the handbook, assist clubs in reporting points, educate club officers about the program, and keep record of running totals for each club in the district. The District Secretary shall oversee this committee.

f. The Electronic Communications/Web Design committee shall establish a reflector for District Board email addresses and maintain and update the district webpage as needed.

Section 2. The Governor shall be empowered to appoint assistants, individuals, or special committees to help him/her with the administrative operations of the district. All appointments shall be approved by the District Board of officers in consultation with the District Administrator and District Assistant Administrator. The Governor shall clearly define the responsibilities of these appointments, and their terms shall expire at the end of the administrative year, or at such time during the year when the Governor determines their responsibilities have been fulfilled.

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Reason: This reflects current practices and grants the governor and district board more freedom when choosing committees that best fit the current needs of the district.

**Proposed Amendment 4**

Appears: Article VIII Section 10

Summary: Place the governor in charge of convention reports with ability to delegate or collaborate with the secretary-treasurer or events chair.

As written:

The **Secretary** shall submit a report of the convention as outlined in the International Bylaws.

Proposed change:

The ~~Secretary~~ **Governor** shall submit a report of the convention as outlined in the International Bylaws. **The governor may delegate this task to the secretary-treasurer or an events committee chair should such a committee exist.**

Reason: This change reflects current practices of the district board in which both the governor and events chair have worked on such report.

**Proposed Amendment 5**

Appears: Article VIII Section 1c

Summary: Change the word “insure” to “ensure” to correct for intended meaning.

As written:

The Bylaws and Regulations Committee shall insure that the district and clubs are obeying the regulations and guidelines of Circle K International. It shall be responsible for all revisions of the district bylaws and policy code. It shall also review all club bylaws submitted for district approval, make revisions and approval recommendations to the District Board of officers, and forward approved bylaws to the International Office for final approval by the International Board of Representatives. The committee may also be responsible for revising convention award forms, officer service agreements, and/or report forms.

Proposed change:

The Bylaws and Regulations Committee shall ~~insure~~ ensure that the district and clubs are obeying the regulations and guidelines of Circle K International. It shall be responsible for all revisions of the district bylaws and policy code. It shall also review all club bylaws submitted for district approval, make revisions and approval recommendations to the District Board of officers, and forward approved bylaws to the International Office for final approval by the International Board of Representatives. The committee may also be responsible for revising convention award forms, officer service agreements, and/or report forms.

Reason: This change corrects improper wording. The intent of a bylaws and regulations committee is to enforce bylaws and regulations as in ensuring they are followed. The meaning of insure “to arrange for compensation in the event of damage” or “to secure or protect someone against a contingency” does not fit the context of this bylaw.