

California Lions Pin Traders Association

Constitution & By-Laws

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Constitution

Article I, Name and Objective

Section 1. The name of this Association shall be the California Lions Pin Traders Association, Corporation, organized pursuant to the General Non-Profit Corporation Law of the State of California.

Section 2. The purposes for which this Association is formed are:

- a. To foster and develop the avocation of trading and collecting what we Lions prefer to call Lions "Friendship" pins.
- b. To promote friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding among Lions and Lioness Members by the exchange of Club and District "Friendship" pins.
- c. To assist in design, ordering and procurement of Lions and Lioness "Trading Pins" in a highly ethical, courteous and considerate manner, in order to make the activity of exchanging pins in a truly pleasurable experience while at the same time, attempting to establish a more complete compliance with the Lions International requirement for the production and procurement of "Trading Pins"

Article II, Membership

Section 1. Membership in this Association shall be; Regular, Associate and Life.

Section 2. Regular Membership: Applicant must be a member in good standing of any Lion or Lioness Club within the boundaries of the State of California.

- Section 3. Associate Membership: Applicant must be a member in good standing of any Lions or Lioness Club other than those within the boundaries of the State of California.
- Section 4. Life Membership: Applicant must qualify for membership as described in either Article II, Section 1 and 2 and 10 years of membership in CLPTA and pay a fee of \$75.00 and be approved by the CLPTA Board of Directors. (21 Feb, 2020)
- a. Only 10 members will be allowed to be a life member at any one time.
 - b. Only “Regular” members can qualify to be a Life Member,
 - c. Agreements made prior to this date will be considered “grandfathered” in as long as the member stays a member. (11 Oct, 2020)
- Section 5. Director Emeritus: Director Emeritus Membership is a Board position which the Board of Directors, by majority vote, confers upon past Association officers or others who have unselfishly contributed to the goals of this Association. Director Emeritus shall be a life time appointment and they shall have the same rights and privileges at all Board Meetings as regular Directors. (3 Nov, 2015)

Article III, Officers

- Section 1. The officers of this Association shall consist of the President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Directors. (21 Feb, 2020)
- Section 2. The terms of all officers shall commence on the day after the start of the MD-4 Annual Convention and continue until the next MD-4 Annual Convention.
- Section 3. Only Regular Members can qualify for any office.
- a. Agreements made prior to this date will be considered “grandfathered” in as long as the member stays a member.
 - b. If a member is dropped for whatever reason and reregisters, the “grandfather clause” will no longer apply.

- c. An officer qualifying under the “grandfather clause” may continue until the office expires. A member will not be able to switch from one officer position to another under the “grandfather clause.”
(11 Oct, 2020)

Article IV, Duties of Officers

- Section 1. The President will act as Chairman of all regular or special meetings, appoint all standing committee chairmen and act as this Association’s liaison with all other Lions Associations. The President will have the power to fill vacancies, except President, that occur during his/her term of office.
- Section 2. In the absence of the President, the Vice President will assume the duties of the President. In the event the President vacates, the Vice President shall become President for the remainder of his/her term.
- Section 3. The Secretary shall keep minutes of all regular or special meetings, preserve all papers, letters and transactions of the Association, The Secretary shall also perform other duties as directed by the Board of Directors. (21 Feb, 2020)
- Section 4. The Treasurer shall collect, receive and have charge of all funds of this Association, and shall deposit said funds in a bank designated by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer will make reports to the Board when requested to do so and prepare an annual financial statement for the annual meeting just prior to MD-4’s annual convention.

Article V, Board of Directors

- Section 1. The Board of Directors shall be elected at the annual MD-4 convention and shall take office in the same manner as the officers, for a period of one year.
- Section 2. There shall be no more than (8) Directors.
- Section 3. The Board of Directors will consist of the Chairman (Association President), the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, (2) two-year Directors and (2) one-year Directors. One of the (2) two-year directors shall be the immediate past president of the Association.
(21 Feb, 2020)

Article VI, Duties of the Board of Directors

- Section 1. The Board of Directors shall:
- a. Transact the general business of the Association between scheduled Association Meetings.
 - b. Establish major administrative policies governing the affairs of the Association.
 - c. Pass on all appointments to committee chairmen which are proposed by the President.

Article VII, Committees

- Section 1. Standing Committees shall be appointed and approved at the annual Convention of this Association.
- Section 2. Standing Committees shall consist of:
- a. Constitution and By-Laws
 - b. Trading Pin Design
 - c. Trading Pin Contest
 - d. Information Services
 - e. Audit
 - f. Convention
 - g. Nomination
 - h. Historian

Article VIII, Duties of Committees

- Section 1. Constitution and By-Laws Committee shall be responsible for the general maintenance of the Association's Constitution, making those recommendations necessary to comply with the purpose of this Association.
- Section 2. The trading Pin Design Committee shall solicit designs from members, pass on those designs, order samples and have those samples ready for board action at the Fall Meeting.

- Section 3. Trading Pin Contest Committee shall receive and pass on all categories of pin contests from within the State of California membership. Winners to be passed on to the International contests.
- Section 4. Information Services Committee shall appoint a news editor and provide information to the news editor for release to the membership.
- Section 5. Audit Committee shall consist of at least 5 members, in good standing, for the review of the Association's financial status at each annual convention.
- Section 6. The Convention Committee shall assist and oversee the preparation of each meeting authorized during the year by the Board of Directors.
- Section 7. The Nominations Committee shall prepare a slate of officers for election at the annual convention.
- a. The slate must be prepared and presented to the Membership 90 days prior to the annual convention.
 - b. All nominees must be regular members in good standing at the time of their nomination.
- Section 8. The Historian shall categorize all "legal" pins within the state on an annual basis for publication to the membership via the CLPTA web site. (11 Oct, 2020)

Article IX, Removal from Office

- Section 1. Any Officer of this Association may be removed from office by the Board of Directors for gross misconduct or for failure to perform the duties of their office.

Article X, Amendments

- Section 1. The Association's Constitution may be added to, amended or repealed by a majority vote of the entire membership, present and voting, at a regular scheduled meeting.
- Section 2. Text changes caused by amendments approved by the Board of Directors and Members present shall be followed by a date entry indicating the Spring/Fall meeting at which the amendment was passed. (21 Feb, 2020)

By-Laws

Article I, Membership

- Section 1. Any person who is a current member of Lions International and in good standing and of good reputation is eligible for membership in the California Lions Pin Traders Association. (CLPTA)
- Section 2. Eligible Lions may be nominated for membership to CLPTA by any member in good standing or by presenting a completed application form together with the proper CLPTA initiation fee and assessment, applicable at the time of the application, to the membership chairmanship committee.
- Section 3. It shall be the duty of the membership chairman and committee to thoroughly investigate the admissibility of the applicant within 30 days of receipt of applicant's request for membership and submit its report and recommendation to the board of directors at the next scheduled board of director's meeting.
- Section 4. However, if, in the opinion of the membership chairman or his/her committee, the application should be granted immediately, no formal action by the board of directors will be necessary or contemplated and the applicant becomes a member immediately upon the acceptance of the fees as set forth above, and notifying the applicant of his/her acceptance.

- Section 5. All memberships shall be issued effective July 1st of each year with an expiration date of June 30th of the following year.
- Section 6. Admittance for membership will be payable until June 30 of any Lions year. (11 Oct, 2020)
- Section 7. Each new member will be given a “blue” membership pin designating that he/she is a regular member of the CLPTA. (11 Oct, 2020)
- Section 8. A “white” membership pin will be given if the member “sponsors” a new member into the CLPTA and that the new member’s renewal application has been paid. (11 Oct, 2020)
- Section 9. A “red” membership pin designates the member has sponsored a new member. (11 Oct, 2020)

Article II, Membership Dues

- Section 1. The annual dues for members classified as Regular or Associate will be \$10.00 per year. Life members will not be billed for dues. (21 Feb, 2020)
- Section 2. Total number of “Life members” will not exceed 10 members or 10% of the total membership, whichever is less. If membership should drop below a level whereas the total number of life members exceeds 10%, no changes will be made and no additional life members will be permitted until membership increases to allow additional life members to be accepted. (11 Oct, 2020)
- Section 3. All dues payable to the Association shall be made in U.S. funds.
- Section 4. All dues must be payable prior to September 30th of each year to maintain continuing membership. Notices of dues will be sent in July of each year. Failure to pay dues prior to September 30th, will result in the member being dropped from the Association roster.
- Section 5. In addition to the newsletter and membership card, each paid up member will receive the annual updated membership directory and the revised Constitution and By-Laws, as required, in October of each year.

Article III, Meetings

- Section 1. The members of this Association will meet annually at the MD-4 Convention, at the same location.
- Section 2. All necessary business will be conducted at the annual meeting.
- Section 3. There will be a Fall Meeting, at a central location; time, date and place to be decided by the Board of Directors, usually at the Western States Pin Swap (WSPS). (11 Oct, 2020)
- Section 4. The purpose of the second meeting will be to prepare agenda items, select annual pin designs and prepare for the annual meeting.

Article IV, Fiscal Year

- Section 1. The fiscal year of this Association shall be from July 1st through June 30th of the following year.

Article V, Rules of Order

- Section 1. All questions of order shall be decided by the presiding officer, subject to appeal by any member of the Association.
- Section 2. As to any question coming before the meeting for which no provision has been made in the Constitution and By-Laws, the presiding officer shall be governed in his/her decision by the rules laid down in Roberts' "Rules of Order". (21 Feb, 2020)

Article VI, Order of Business

1. Call to Order.
2. Pledge, Song, Invocation.
3. Reading of the Minutes of the previous meeting.
4. Report of the Treasurer.
5. Old Business.
6. Reports of Committees.
7. Unfinished Business.
8. New Business.
9. Adjournment.

Article VII, Amendments

- Section 1. The Association's By-Laws may be added to, amended or repealed at any time by a vote of at least five (5) of the eight (8) members of the Board of Directors, provided that such additions, amendments or repeals are presented to all Board Members sixty (60) days prior to a scheduled Board Meeting. Board members unable to attend shall send their votes to the President prior to the meeting by registered mail. (21 Feb, 2020)
- Section 2. Amendments passed under this Article of the By-Laws shall be forwarded to the Chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee and the Secretary upon adjournment of the Board Meeting. The Secretary will publish said amendments in the next issue of the newsletter, and make the necessary changes for the annual updated issue to the membership.
- Section 3. Text changes caused by amendments approved by the Board of Directors and Members present shall be followed by a date entry indicating the Spring/Fall meeting at which the amendment was passed. (21 Feb, 2020)

Article VIII, Suspensions, Expulsion and Reinstatement

- Section 1. The Board of Directors shall have the power by vote, of (5) of eight (8) of its members to suspend for such period and on such terms as it may impose or to expel and forfeit the membership of any CLPTA member for conduct within its opinion is likely to be prejudicial to the welfare, interest, reputation or character of the Association. (21 Feb, 2020)
- Section 2. No vote shall be taken by the Board of Directors on a proposed forfeiture, suspension or expulsion until after a 15-day notice, in writing, setting forth the charge or charges against any such member and shall have been served upon the member by registered mail. The member to be suspended or expelled shall have the opportunity

to be heard orally at least five (5) days prior to the effective date of the expulsion or at the next regularly scheduled board meeting of the directors of CLPTA. Registered mail notice of the charges shall be sent to the last address appearing on the membership roster of the involved member.

Section 3. At any time within 30 days after such forfeiture, suspension or expulsion, a special meeting of the directors may be called to consider the above action. If 25% or more of the voting members of the Board of Directors make a written request, the Secretary of the Association will call for a special meeting. The member may be restored by vote of the majority at such special meeting.