



New Member Orientation

- **Prepared and Updated Once in a While by PDG Ken Echeberry**
- **Updated October 2015**



A Typical Lions Club



- **Organized, and received Charter**
 - Sponsoring Club
 - Guiding Lion appointed by District Governor
- **May be Sponsor of another club**
- **Generally Operate under Standard Form Lions Club Constitution and By-Laws**
 - May have established own Constitution and By-Laws
- **May Have Incorporated as a Nonprofit Corporation**
- **May have established a Charitable Foundation**



- **President**
- **Immediate Past President**
- **Secretary**
- **Treasurer**
- **1st Vice President**
- **2nd Vice President**
- **3rd Vice President**
- **Lion Tamer**
- **Tail Twister**
- **2 Directors (First Year)**
- **2 Directors (Second Year)**
- **Membership Director**





Terms of Office

- **Club Officers and Directors serve for One Year**
- **Elections are held each year with nominations made in April and election held in May**
- **President appoints all committee chairmen**

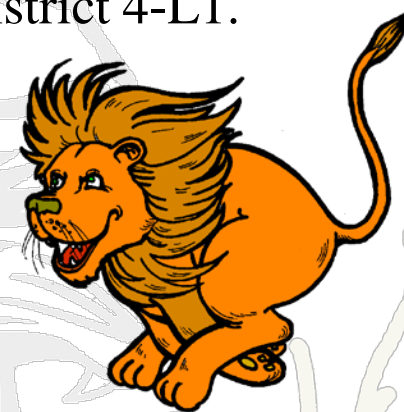


Club Dues



- **Your Annual Club dues, and maybe billed on a semiannual or annual basis .**
 - Club dues must include amounts necessary to cover Membership Dues to International, Multiple District 4, and District 4-L1.

• Annual Dues	2015
• International	\$43.00
• MD-4	\$14.00
• 4-L1	\$15.00
• Total	\$72.00
 - May include cost of meals
 - Determined by Club membership
 - Determine Operating Budget for the Club
- **The 6 month periods are defined as July 1st through December 31st and January 1st through June 30th.**
- **International sends out semi-annual dues assessment in January and July**
- **MD-4 sends out semi-annual dues assessment for MD-4 and 4-L1 in February and August**





How Your Club Spends It's Money



- **Club operating expenses – Remaining Dues**
 - News Letter, Guest Meals, Insurance, Club Awards, and other expenses as directed by board of directors.
 - Dues are supplemented by – Tail Twister, Raffles, Other Club Functions
- **Two types of accounts –**
 - Administrative (Operation \$ from Club members),
 - Charity (Activity \$ raised from community)
- **All Funds raised from the community must go into the Charity (Activity) account. They can not be used supplement operating expenses of the club.**





Club Principal Activities



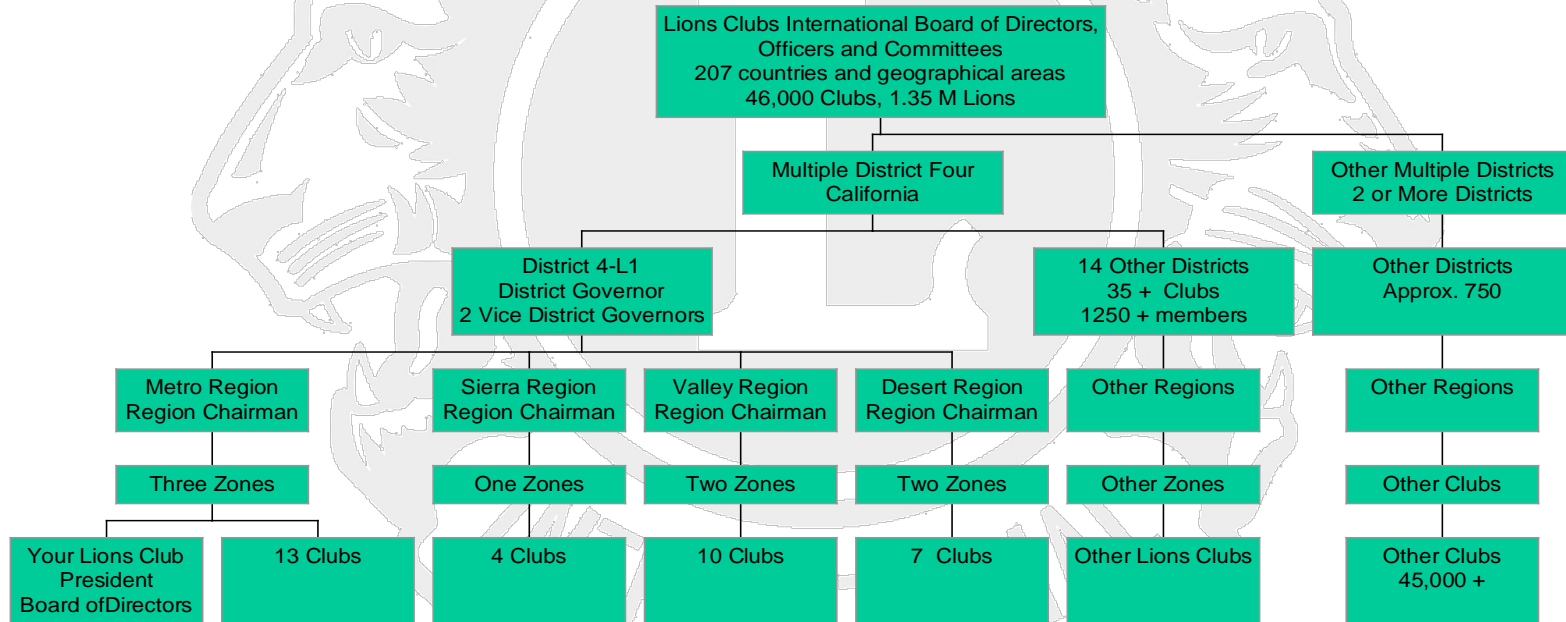
- **Charity Fundraising Activities (Examples)**
 - Flag Program, Food Booth @ Fairs, Fourth of July, Bingo, Watermelon Festival, Fish Fry Mule Days etc.
 - Request for donations
 - Other events as approved by board of directors
- **Charitable Activities (Examples)**
 - Eye glasses and exams, Youth Activities
 - Lions supported foundations – LCIF, Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation, Lions Camp at Teresita Pines, City of Hope
 - Local charities or organizations
 - Other activities as approved by board of directors



Lionism and Lions Clubs



- **Lions Clubs are the building blocks of Lionism.**
- **As every Lions Club is part of a larger structure:**



- **Lions District 4-L1 is one of 15 California Districts that make up Multiple District Four (MD-4).**

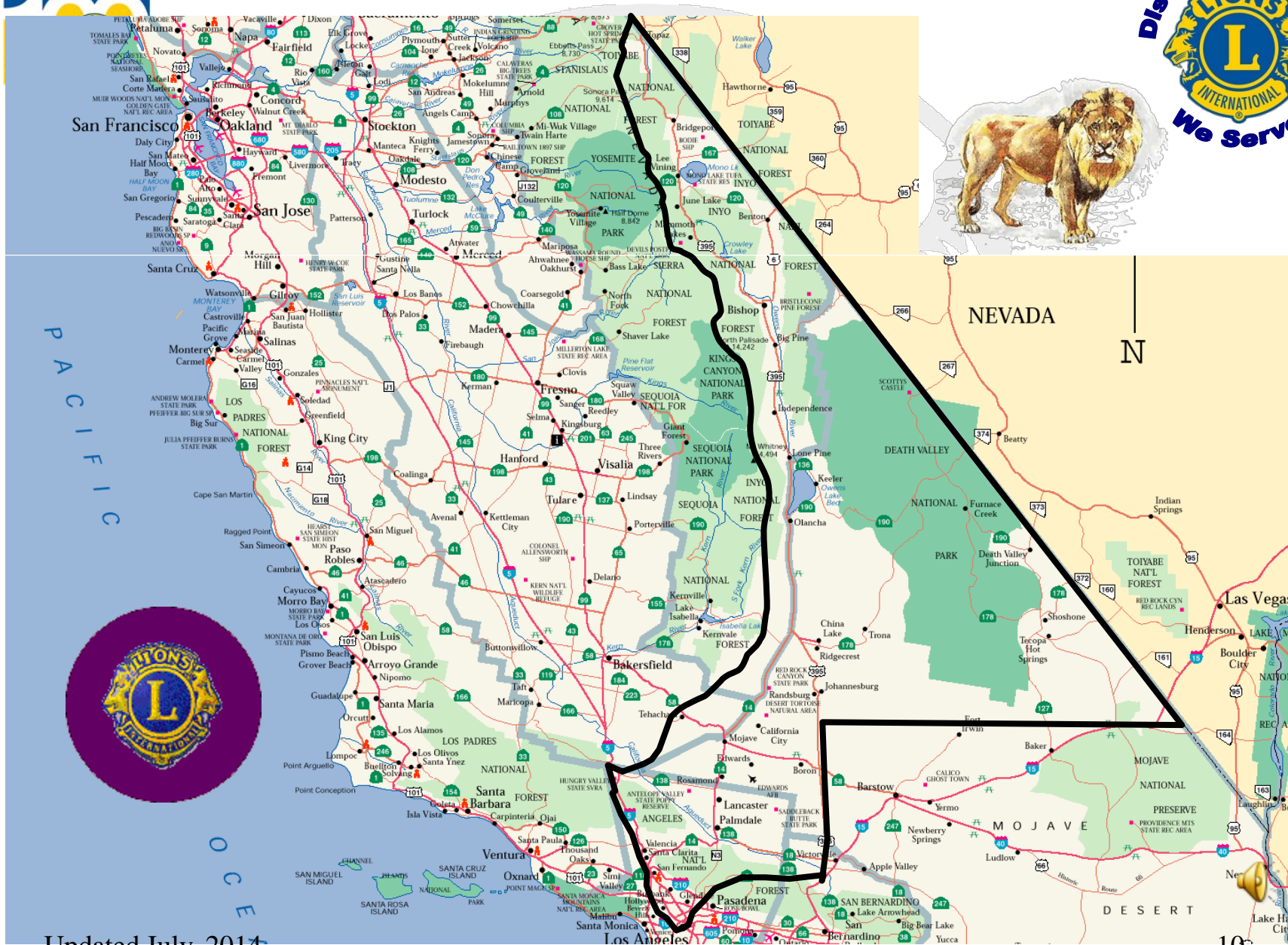


District 4-L1



- **Comprised of almost five counties**
 - All of Mono and Inyo Counties
 - Portions of Los Angeles
 - Portions of San Bernardino
 - The City of Tehachapi and that portion of Kern County lying east of the Tehachapi Mountains
- **There are 34 Lions Clubs in District 4-L1 with membership of approximately 875 Lions**
- **In addition, some Lions Clubs sponsor Leo Clubs. Your club may want to do the same thing.**

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THERE'S A LION



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Cabinet Officers

- **District Governor (DG)**
- **1st Vice District Governor (1stVDG)**
- **2nd Vice District Governor (2ndVDG)**
- **Cabinet Secretary**
- **Cabinet Treasurer**
- **Immediate PDG (IPDG)**
- **Region Chairs, and Zone Chairs**
- **Chairman Global Leadership Team**
- **Chairman Global Membership Team**

The District publishes a District Directory each year and the current years Cabinet Officers are listed in the Directory. The Directory is generally available by August of each year.



Terms of Office

- **Cabinet Officers serve one-year terms**
- **District Governor and Vice District Governors are elected Positions**
 - Elections are held each year at the annual District Convention (generally held in May)
- **District Governor appoints all others**
 - May separately appoint a Cabinet Secretary and a Cabinet Treasurer or appoint one individual to serve both offices.
 - May choose not to utilize the position of Region Chair
 - Must appoint Zone Chairmen



District 4-L1 - Regions



- **Metro**

- **Region Chair** – *Esau Tenorio - L A Los Feliz*

- **Zone “A” Chair** – *Carol Mares - L A Host*

- LA Host, LA International, LA Little Tokyo, LA Envision, LA Golden

- **Zone “B” Chair** – *Ginny Hsiao - LA American Global Chinese*

- LA American Global Chinese, LA Chinatown, LA Chinese, LA Latin American, Griffith Park

- **Zone “C” Chair** – *Glenn Kawahara - L A Los Feliz*

- Eagle Rock, LA Los Feliz, Northwest Glendale, Hollywood Entertainment, Wilshire

- **Valley**

- **Region Chair** – *Aurelia Weinstein - West Valley Alliance*

- **Zone “A” Chair** – *Owen Kato - L A Mid-Valley*

- Castaic, Greater West Valley, LA Mid Valley, North Hollywood, Toluca Lake

- **Zone “B” Chair** – *Dionisio Marquez- West Valley Alliance*

- Burbank Noon, Crescenta-Cañada, Northridge, Sunland-Tujunga, West Valley Alliance





District 4-L1 – Regions (cont.)



- **Desert**
 - **Region Chair** – *Scott Wedding - Acton*
 - **Zone “A” Chair** - *Terry Cornell - Palmdale*
 - Acton, Mojave, Palmdale
 - **Zone “B” Chair** – *Susan Morrison - Tehachapi*
 - Boron, California City Host, Ridgecrest, Tehachapi
- **Sierra**
 - **Region Chair** – *Ken Lloyd - Bishop*
 - **Zone “A” Chair** – *Jeffrey Mullenhour - Bishop*
 - Bishop, Independence, Lone Pine, Mammoth Lakes





District 4-L1 Finances



- **Administrative Expenses met via per capita tax of \$15.00 per year**
 - Paid semi-annually by club to the District through the Multiple District (MD-4)
 - \$7.50 Payable October 1st, based on June 30th membership
 - \$7.50 Payable March 1st, based on December 31st membership of previous year
 - \$4.35 of the annual per capita tax is transferred to the Convention Fund (29% of the monies received from MD-4). This fund is managed by Convention Committee and accounted for separately. Fund is used to supplement annual convention expenses.
 - Raffles, and other designated fund raising activities

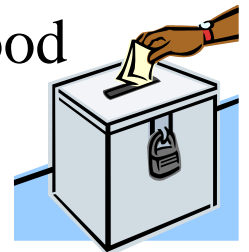




Conventions



- District 4-L1 Convention usually held 2nd or 3rd full weekend of the month of May.
- The location of the following years District 4-L1 Convention is voted on at the Convention
- Each club entitled to one (1) voting delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten (10) club members, or major fraction thereof.
- List of accredited delegates must be submitted to Credentials Committee prior to opening business session
- Voting delegates are not certified unless Club is in good financial standing with MD-4/4-L1



District Club Contests

- **Each club is eligible and encouraged to compete in the following District contest:**
 - Governor's #1 Club
 - Interclub Activity Visitation
 - Club Bulletin
 - Club Scrapbook
- **Rules for each contest are defined in the District Directory and maybe altered each year by the new District Governor**





Individual District Awards



- **Each Lion in the district is encouraged to satisfy the requirements for the following awards:**
 - Long Tail
 - Short Tail
 - Proud Lion / Proud Sponsor
 - 100% Secretary
 - President Excellence
- **Rules governing each award are explained in the District Directory**





District Endorsed Projects



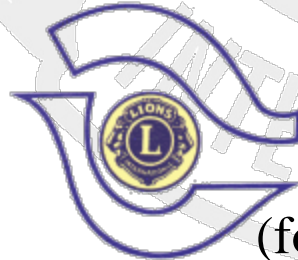
- 4th District Student Speakers Foundation



Lions Float Inc.



City of Hope



Lions Sight and Hearing
Foundation of So. Cal
(formally LEFSC & SCLEI)



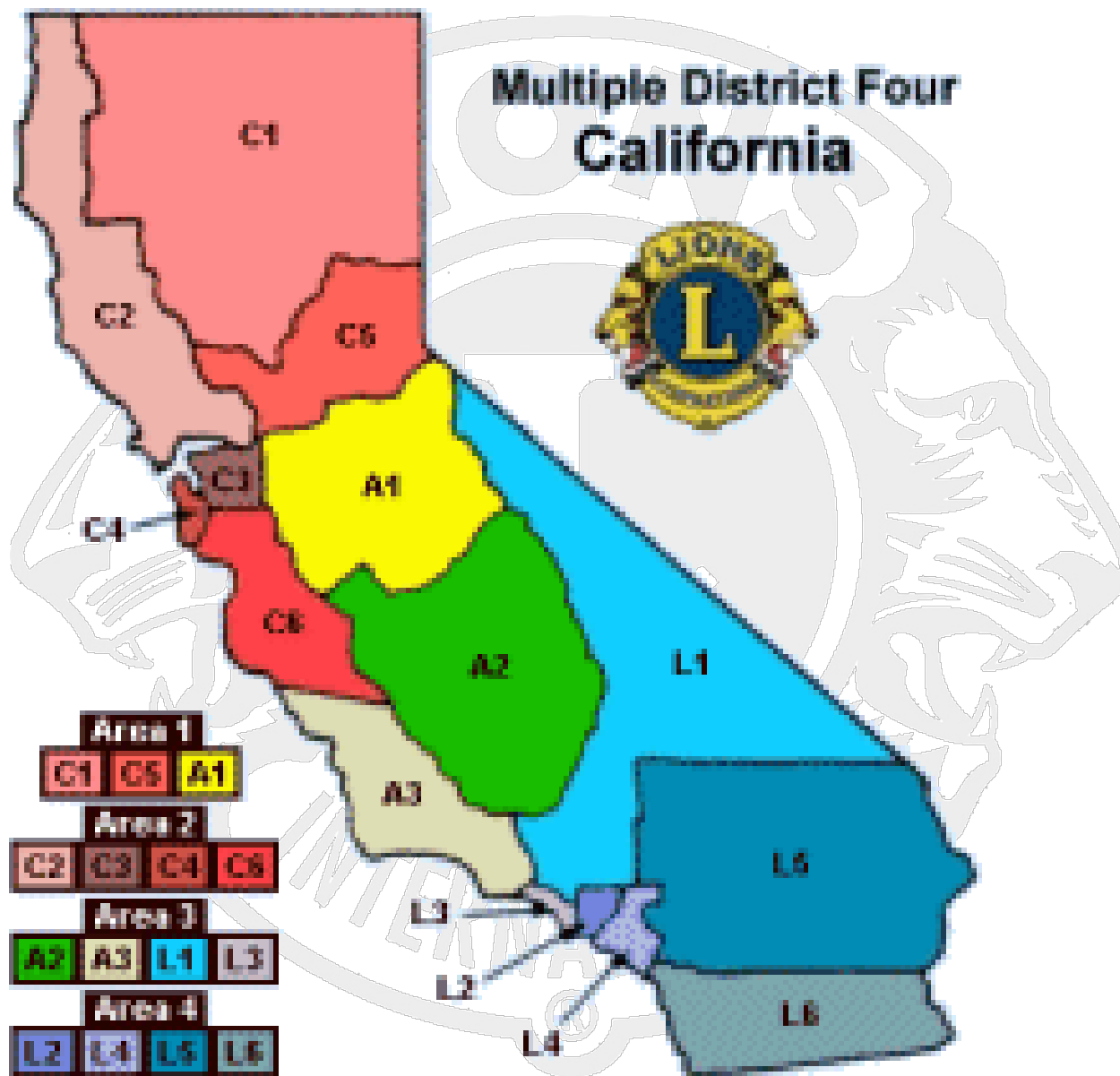


MD-4 Structure



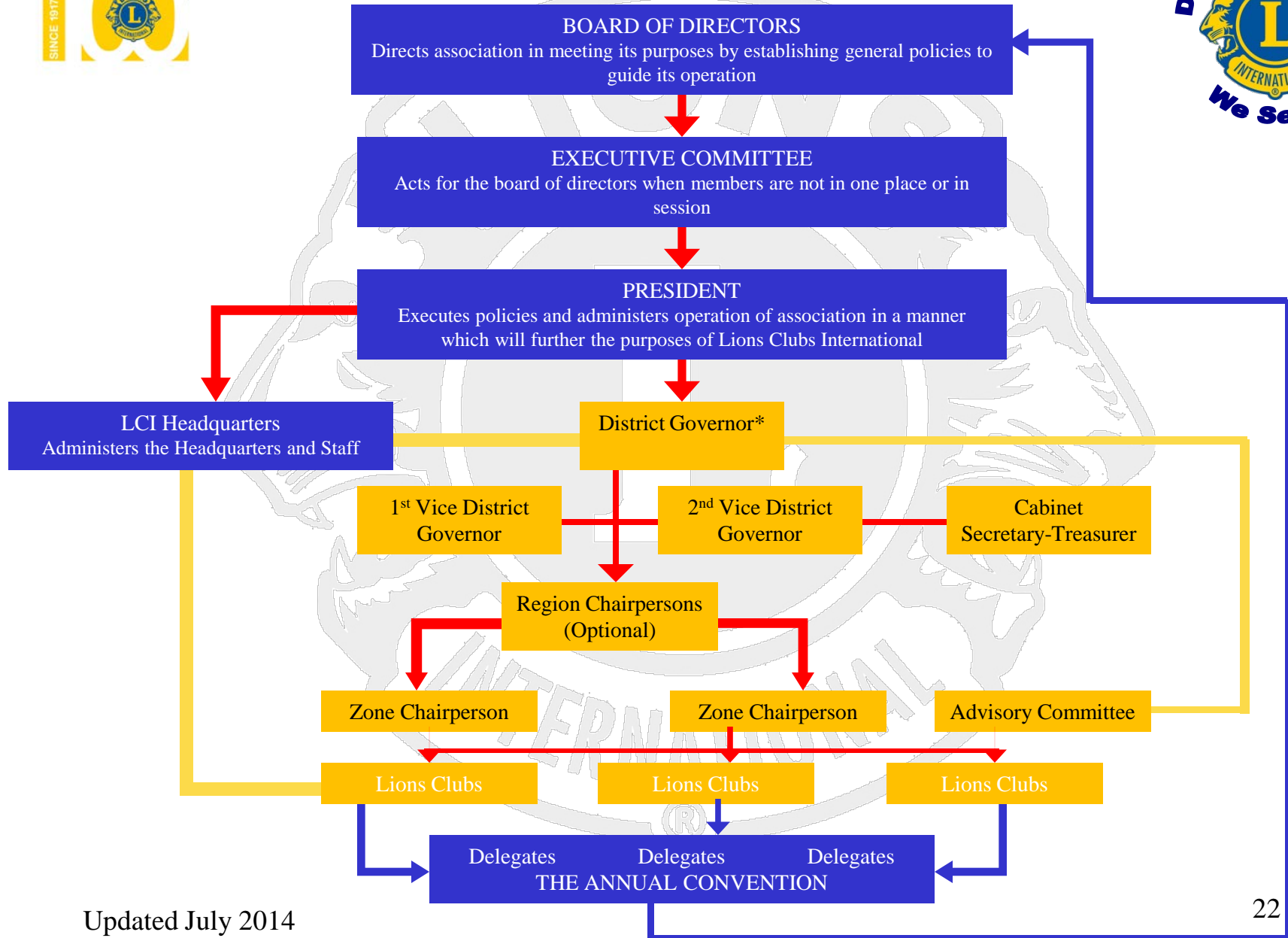
- **Managed by a Council of Governors comprised of the 15 District Governors, chaired by a Council Chair and two Vice Chairs. Vice District Governors attend all Council meetings. Activities are conducted by some 16 standing committees.**
- **Permanent office is located at 129 Los Aguajes Ave., Santa Barbara, California with a two-person staff.**
 - Tiana Gia Cara, MD-4 Office Manager
 - Phone # 805-963-6681, or 1-800-546-6634 ; Fax: 805-963-8254
 - Email: admin@md4office.org
 - Website: <http://md4lions.org/>
- **Four Council meetings held each year generally in August, November, February and June at locations selected by the Council.**
- **The MD-4 Annual Convention is held each year in February. The next 2 Conventions are scheduled for:**
 - February 5 - 7, 2016(Doubletree) Modesto, CA; 4-A1
 - February 10-12, 2017(Red Lion) Redding, CA; 4-C1







Lions Clubs International Organization Chart





International Structure



- **7 constitutional areas defined as:**
 - 1. United States of America, its affiliates, Bermuda and The Bahamas
 - 2. Canada
 - 3. South America, Central America, Mexico and The Islands of the Caribbean Sea
 - 4. Europe
 - 5. Orient and Southeast Asia
 - 6. India, South Asia, Africa and The Middle East
 - 7. Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia and Islands of the South Pacific Ocean.
- **It is managed by a 38 member Board of Directors.**
 - Specific duties are assigned to the International President and two Vice Presidents. Elect 2nd VP who advances through positions
 - Immediate Past International President.
 - 34 Directors, Elected to a Two (2) year term. Half elected new each year
 - A Multiple District may have only one person at a time serving as a member of the International Board of Directors.
- **International activities are conducted by numerous standing and special committees whose members are appointed by the International Board.**
- **Permanent offices are located in Oak Brook, Illinois, with a large capable full-time staff.**



International Meetings



- **The Annual Convention of Lions Clubs International is usually held in early July of each year. The next four International Conventions will be held:**
 - June 24 - 28, 2016 Fukuoka, Japan
 - June 30-July 4, 2017 (Centennial). Chicago, Illinois, USA
 - June 29-July 3, 2018 Las Vegas, Nevada, USA
 - July 5-9, 2019 Milan, Italy
- **USA/Canada Leadership Forums are held in September of each year. The next three USA/Canada Forums will be held:**
 - September 15-17, 2016 in Omaha, Nebraska
 - September 21-23, 2017 in Portland Oregon
 - September 20-22, 2018 in Columbus, Ohio

These forums were created to help clubs in the US and Canada retain and attract new members, and are loaded with good information and offer great opportunities to network with other clubs.