

The Lions Clubs International Eye Bank Program

a. Program Description:

The Lions Clubs International Eye Bank Program was adopted as an official program of Lions Clubs International in March, 1984.

b. Scope:

(1) The board of directors of Lions Clubs International shall frame a standard policy as amended from time to time.

(2) All activities, projects and programs of Lions Eye Banks shall be conducted in harmony with policies of the International Board of Directors as revised from time to time. Only the board of directors of Lions Clubs International shall have the power to revise the Lions Clubs International Eye Bank Policy.

3) Each Lions Eye Bank shall adopt bylaws and amendments which shall be consistent with the policy established by Lions Clubs International. Such bylaws and revisions thereto shall be subject to the approval of the International Board of Directors.

c. Program Objectives:

(1) To improve the public identity and image of Lions Eye Banking internationally; to encourage, promote, improve, and extend Lions Eye Banking internationally so that quality eye tissue for corneal transplants, research and other medical purposes may be provided.

(2) To develop with the advice and cooperation of existing Lions Eye Banks, an international structure under which the Lions contribution to Eye Banking will be properly recognized.

(3) To protect and expand the use of the Lions name and emblem.

(4) To publicize the role and service of Lions Eye Banks.

(5) To provide a central source of information.

(6) To assist in establishment of new Lions Eye Banks internationally. Requests for assistance may be referred to existing Lions Eye Banks who have agreed to provide this type of assistance.

d. Name and/or Emblem:

1) The name of this program shall be The Lions Clubs International Eye Bank Program and all Eye Banks recognized thereunder shall be known as Lions Eye Banks.

(2) The Lions name and/or emblem are registered trademarks of the association and are the sole property of Lions Clubs International, and all ownership rights in and all obligation with respect to protection and preservation thereof shall rest in and is retained by Lions Clubs International.

(3) The term "Lions" shall be incorporated into all names referring to a Lions Eye Bank. Furthermore, the Lions name and/or emblem shall be displayed prominently on the premises, stationery, and publications of all Lions Eye Banks.

(4) Periodic visitations of Lions Eye Banks may be made by representatives of Lions Clubs International to ensure proper display and use of the Lions name and/or emblem.

e. Control:

1) The majority of the board of directors of each Lions Eye Bank shall be Lions club members in good standing of Lions clubs in good standing with The International Association of Lions Clubs.

(2) All Lions Eye Banks and Eye Bank personnel shall adhere to all medical and educational standards as required by their respective governmental and medical authorities.

(3) Each Lions Eye Bank shall submit to Lions Clubs International prior to September 15 of each year a report on its operations and activities including a list of the Eye Banks board of directors and a copy of the current constitution and by-laws.

Repeated failure to comply with this requirement shall result in revocation of the license to use the association's name and emblem.

f. Sponsorship:

(1) A Lions Eye Bank shall be sponsored by a Lions club or district or multiple district and shall be entitled to use the Lions name and/or emblem so long as it operates within the policy established for the program.

(2) A Lions Eye Bank shall be recognized by Lions Clubs International and shall be entitled to use the Lions name and/or emblem so long as it operates within the policy established for the program and meets the criteria for use of the Lions name and emblem.

(3) No limit shall be imposed on the number of Lions clubs, districts, or multiple districts sponsoring an individual Lions Eye Bank.

(4) In areas where no Lions Eye Bank is in operation, Lions are encouraged to support those Lions Eye Banks in other areas. Support of any Lions Eye Bank by Lions clubs or club members shall be strictly on a voluntary basis.

g. Operation:

Lions Eye Banks shall establish a working relationship with an appropriate medical facility for guidance and medical standards.

h. Insurance Coverage:

Each Lions Eye Bank shall carry insurance coverage including, but not limited to, general liability, property damage, workers compensation and professional malpractice insurance, as is appropriate to its operations. Such insurance shall be in addition to the general liability coverage provided by the association.

i. Recognition and Public Relations:

(1) Lions Eye Banks are encouraged to submit newsworthy information to Lions Clubs International for use in promoting the program and exchange of information in the program.

(2) Lions Eye Banks shall be encouraged to share information with Lions Clubs International and other Lions Eye Banks whenever such information will assist in the attainment of program objectives.

j. Lions Eye Bank Week

Lions Clubs International shall annually observe the first week in December as Lions Eye Bank Week for the purposes of awareness and member support of Lions Eye Banks and corneal donation.